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## Homeless man had a knife near play area

A HOMELESS man was jailed after he was seen sharpening a kitchen knife in a public park close to a children's play area.

Police were called to Britannia Park in Rowley Regis after a member of the public spotted Shabab Hussain playing with the knife, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting, said that the call to the police was around 11.30am on September 12 this year.

He said: "When they arrived they found this defendant was sat sharpening his knife, very close to the children's play area."

When the police approached Hussain, he fled and dropped the knife. In order to detain him police used a taser.

The court heard in interview Hussain, of no fixed address, said he had drunk a large quantity of vodka and smoked cannabis the night before and could not remember how he ended up in the park with the knife.

Hussain had previously been convicted of having a bladed article in a public place.

The court heard the 25-year-old had already served 28 days in prison and Judge Eades jailed him for four weeks. He must pay an £80 victim surcharge.

## Police probe gun incident

GUNSHOTS were fired in Dudley in the early hours of Tuesday, police have revealed.

Police were called to Stourbridge Road, Dudley, at around 12.40am following a report that shots had been fired.

Officers found damage to the window of a flat. No-one was injured. The area was cordoned off for forensic examination to take place with the road closed for around an hour.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call police on 101.

# JOBS AND ARTS FACE NEW CUTS

Report by Heather Large

**JOBS are under threat as part of a shake-up of Dudley Performing Arts as the borough's council chiefs look to cut £178,000 from its budget.**

Staff are being consulted about restructuring plans for the service, which runs music and dance concerts and classes for youngsters across the borough.

The latest cut-backs follow a reduction in funding for the service in 2011, which saw it forced to cancel two major music festivals which used to attract up to 5,000 people each.

Staff have been warned about 'the possibility of redundancy', say council officials.

## Society move to HQ at The Waterfront

THE DUDLEY Building Society is moving its headquarters and creating 10 jobs.

The organisation will open a new HQ at a two-storey office at The Waterfront, near the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, on Monday.

The move will see up to 55 staff switch to the business park, including 10 new recruits, while the society's shop in Stone Street will remain open to customers.

### Belonging

The offices were previously occupied by aerospace engineering group Hampson Industries, until the firm collapsed last year.

Announcing the move for the 155-year-old society, chief executive Jeremy Wood said: "Dudley Building Society has been a fixture of the local landscape for over 150 years and we continue to draw our sense of purpose and belonging from our Black Country roots."

"Our new head office gives us the room to build on those strong local bonds and, as our forward-looking plans begin to mature, we shall be looking to the local community for new personnel to add to the 10 head office roles we have created this year."

"We now have a wonderful base from which to develop all aspects of our business, which in turn will benefit our members, as well as provide additional work opportunities in and around the Dudley area."

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services and lifelong learning, said: "As part of the budget setting process which was agreed last year, we are in the middle of consulting staff over a restructure."

He said the council remained 'fully committed' to performing arts in the borough and the 'important part that can play in young people's education'.

### Venues

DPA organises an annual summer festival held in Dudley town centre each July as well as spring and winter festivals held at venues across the borough.

Students also take part in a range of borough events such as the civic carol service at Dudley's Top Church and Remembrance Sunday service.

Staff with other arts organisations and local schools to run workshops and events. Last year the council announced plans to save almost £22 million over three years.

It comes on top of more than £30m slashed since 2010, which has seen 487 voluntary redundancies and 74 compulsory redundancies at the authority.

The council needs to save £10.7m in 2013/14, a further £4.8m in 2014/15 and £6.3m in 2015/16.

The budget also included proposals for parks and streets not being maintained as often and garden waste to go uncollected for five months to reduce costs. The council has brought in wheelie bins for household rubbish as part of long-term plans to make savings. Other savings proposed include £1m from management costs and trimming £470,000 from grounds maintenance.

Plans to freeze council tax were also agreed by the cabinet. The move followed the Big Question consultation with residents, which cost £6,000. It showed that while 51 per cent of people were willing to pay more council tax to protect council services, 60 per cent were not willing to accept more than a two per cent rise.

## Prizes for pupils' scarecrows



Figures of fun – with scarecrows are pupils Rhiannon Nicoll, age four, her brothers Declan, eight and Devin, six, and sister Rosin, four, Phoenix Keenan, six, Grace Humphries, nine, Errin Knott, eight, Eleanor Wilkes, nine

PIRATES, cowboys, vets and teachers were some of the figures children picked out for scarecrows at a school competition.

Youngsters were invited to enter the scarecrow competition at Springfield Primary School in Rowley Regis and in total the event drew 88 entries.

Headteacher Susan Powis said she was pleased to see the creativity of pupils at the

Dudley Road school, as well as the efforts of the family members who helped. Miss Powis added: "It was truly amazing to see such creations. Some were made by individuals, some became a family effort. We had a range of materials and a range of scarecrows too."

Every child who entered was given a chocolate reward while the top three entries received £20 worth of toy vouchers.

## Campaign builds on support of comic

CAMPAIGNERS will host a public meeting to build on the support from comedian Lenny Henry to secure a future for the under-threat Dudley Hippodrome.

Group members thanked the popular Dudley-born comic for his support for their campaign to reopen the Hippodrome as a leading arts and theatre venue.

Henry spoke of his wish for the Dudley Hippodrome to be used as a launch pad for the careers of up-and-coming performers from the town. It came on his return to his home town to receive the Freedom of the Borough accolade last week.

### Landmark

Members of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group are planning a public meeting on October 20 at The Station Hotel, in Castle Hill, opposite the landmark theatre building.

Group chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said they were still seeking talks promised by Dudley Council officials after moves to demolish the site were deferred.

Councillors on the authority's planning committee demanded more details from officials and further discussions with interested parties when the plans were put on hold in August.

The friends group is inviting councillors to attend the meeting at 6.30pm, saying it is the perfect opportunity to have a proper debate over the Hippodrome.

Freeman Len – see page 5

## Safety check after death

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched by the Health and Safety Executive after a man died at a car workshop.

It is believed the 53-year-old was crushed while working on a vehicle at a business off High Street, Quarry Bank.

Ambulance crews were called to the scene at around 9.30am on Friday but the man, who has not been named, could not be saved.

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## Tourist gets £1k bill for five-minute download



Stacey Withers with the download on screen

A HORRIFIED mother was left with a bill of more than £1,000 from Orange for downloading five minutes of cartoon film Madagascar on holiday.

Stacey Withers, from Tipton, was charged more for the clip than she was for a week's luxury getaway to Turkey.

The dental nurse, aged 25, had downloaded the DreamWorks film to cheer up her three-year-old son Joel, who fell ill with an ear infection during the holiday two weeks ago. But she was

astounded when she discovered the clip had cost her £1,118.05p – £101 more than the holiday and the equivalent of £223.60 per minute. The mother-of-one, who had saved for two years for the trip, has refused to pay. She said: "It's absolutely disgusting."

She said her son had been crying for nearly six days because of his infection. "He is mad for Madagascar and I knew it was the only thing that might get him to calm down" she said. "I turned

on data roaming for about five minutes and started to download it and got about 18 per cent. I started to worry it would cost me a few hundred – so I stopped." She was on holiday with her partner Danny Langford, 23, and Joel.

An Orange spokeswoman said: "Customers are automatically capped to ensure they are not charged more than £51 for roaming data in a given month. In this instance the customer contacted Orange to opt out."

## Emily sings her way to next round



Emily Badger – on her way

A TEENAGER from Tivendale has made it to the penultimate round of a national singing competition.

Emily Badger has got through to the area finals of the Open Mic UK 2013 contest which celebrates the best unsigned singers from across the country.

The 13-year-old, who attends St Michael's C of E High School, Rowley Regis, performed in the regional finals on October 5 at Birmingham's NEC.

She has won through to the next round, which will also see her singing at the NEC on November 24. She could now progress to the national grand final at London's O2 on January 18, where she will be fighting to win a £5,000 cash prize.

Emily has performed The Lord Is My Shepherd at The Hawthorns in front of thousands of West Bromwich Albion supporters and was also invited to perform for Coneye Arts at the Judgetock Festival.

She has been invited back by Albion to perform at their home game against Crystal Palace on November 2.

## MP's pledge over cancer

AN MP is championing the fight of Prostate Cancer UK to improve the quality of care. Warley MP John Spellar is hoping to raise the issue on the Labour party's agenda and also improve care in Sandwell.

He said: "This is an issue we need to attack head on if we are going to help more men survive and have a better quality of life. That is why I have pledged to help Prostate Cancer UK bring about real and lasting change for men in Sandwell and beyond."

## Home for auction

THE former Greenhaven Residential Centre in Groat Street, Great Bridge, is being auctioned on October 24 with a guide price of £550,000 to £600,000. It was closed this year after being transferred from Sandwell Council to Sandwell Community Caring Trust.

## Roof repair will close library for five weeks

A POPULAR Black Country library will be closed for five weeks while repair work on the roof of the building takes place.

Cradley Library, which will also be redecorated at the same time, and it will be closing its doors from November 4.

The council says the cost of the refurbishment works is expected to be around £17,000.

It is the latest library in the borough to be given a revamp, following work at Dudley and Netherton libraries.

## Essential

Councillor Stuart Turner, cabinet member for libraries, said: "Unfortunately we need to close the library in order for these essential improvement works to be carried out, but we must remind library users that other libraries are available nearby including Halesowen, Long Lane and Lye."

Last year self-service technology was fitted at the Cradley building. The machine allows visitors to borrow and return books themselves and is also designed to free staff so they can focus on helping people in the libraries.

A £208,000 revamp of Dudley Library was also completed. Meanwhile, children and young people visiting libraries in the borough are being asked to take part in a survey which will help design services in the future. It will run from October 21 for two weeks.

Councillor Turner said: "It's really important that children and young people have the opportunity to tell us what they like or dislike about their library to ensure we deliver a library service that is in tune with what they want."

While Cradley library is closed, people can call 01384 812980 to renew books.

Currently, a similar model exists in Ipswich where 70 per cent of off-sale sites have signed up to the scheme. Since it was implemented, anti-social behaviour and street drinking has dropped.

Mr Jones said: "We are keen to look at how it is being used in Ipswich before it is introduced here."

"What we don't want to do is bring it into a town or city centre then someone simply walks across the border and buys their cheap alcohol there."

## Brighton or bust for Sunbeam



In the back, from left, Ray Salisbury and Ken Norton, with Malcolm Webster, Brian Rollings and event team members at the Black Country Living Museum

THE bright yellow 1903 Sunbeam car 'Fifinella' is in pristine nick and getting ready for a triumphant return to the open road – thanks to her devoted fan club of retired engineers and mechanics.

The Wolverhampton-built 10/12 horsepower vehicle, which can achieve speeds up to 25mph 'on a good day on a good hill', has had a complete overhaul by members of the Volunteer Transport Group at the Black Country Living Museum.

Now she is ready to join in the 56-mile London to Brighton veteran car rally on November 3, which celebrates the 'emancipation of the motor car', when the road speed limit was raised from four miles an hour to 14mph in 1896.

Taking their turns at driving her on the run will be retired engineer Malcolm Webster, 61, from Wolverhampton, Brian

Rollings, 77, former engineering firm boss, of Aldridge, Ken Norton, 77, of Tipton, who was a self-employed electrician, and Ray Salisbury, 70, a former engineer from Gornal.

Following will be 70-year-old retired company director David Beere, from Wolverhampton, in a Land Rover Discovery armed with tools, petrols and water.

'Fifinella' – the name given to her by the Marston Heritage Trust and painted on her bonnet – is one of only four of her kind still in existence. Her custodians reckon she is worth around £250,000, so the group had to talk the museum into allowing such a valuable display out on the road.

Brian Rollings, leader of the Volunteer Transport Group, said: "We felt we ought to take Fifinella on the London to Brighton rally. We feel she should do some work, rather than be stuck on a static display."

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## Shine like a star at mayor's big fundraiser

A VARIETY show featuring performances by a host of groups will be held at Dudley Town Hall to raise money for charity.

Shine will be held on Tuesday, October, 22 from 7pm to 9.30pm and will feature the talents of performers from Dudley with learning difficulties. Doors open from 6.30pm.

The evening will be a mix of entertainment including drama productions by local groups Side by Side Theatre Company and Halas Homes' Performing Arts Group. There will also be singing, guitar and dancing.

### Finale

The evening's finale will be a sing-along medley including a performance of Take That's hit Shine, followed by a disco.

Cash from the event will be split between the Mayor of Dudley's charities - the White House Cancer Support and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Mayor Councillor Alan Finch said: "I'm honoured that local people are volunteering their time to put on this evening in aid of my charities."

Tickets cost £5 and £3 for concessions. Contact the box office on 01384 812812 or visit the website [www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment)

## More time to join switch on fuel bills

THE deadline to sign up to a scheme that could help people save money on their fuel bills has been extended.

The council launched Dudley's Big Switch recently, which could secure discounted tariffs from energy providers if enough people sign up.

It is part of a national collective energy bidding scheme, where councils across the country go to auction to see which energy company can offer the best tariff for their residents.

The more people that register, the greater the council's bargaining power with energy providers.

The scheme is free to join and there is no obligation if not in line for a saving.

The deadline to register has been extended to November 18. People can register online at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) or by calling Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.

# Traffic delays warning over fire station work

DRIVERS are being warned of a potential fortnight of delays when sewer works start for a new £4 million community fire station in the heart of the Black Country.

The new building is being created on a 1.1 acre site next to Haden Hill Leisure Centre in Cradley Heath.

Facing the Halesowen Road and Barrs Road junction, the building is already taking shape and is due to be fully operational by May 2014.

Diggers and other machinery have been clearing the site, prepping the way for the work for construction to begin while the foundations are also being put in.

Sandwell Council is warning motorists to prepare for delays from next week.

### Signals

Temporary traffic signals are being set up while the work is carried out to the new station on the site of the former municipal building.

Temporary four-way signals will be set up

at the junction of Halesowen Road, Barrs Road and Beauty Bank. They will be manually controlled during peak periods and drivers are being warned to expect delays.

The work was due to start this week and is not due to be completed until Monday, October 28.

The new building is replacing the present station, in Mace Street, Cradley Heath. Halesowen's own fire station in Hagley Road shut last year amid protests. Work on the new site started in July and will take around 40 weeks in total to complete.

Councillor John Edwards, chairman of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, has said it is expected the facility will be complete by April, at the earliest.

The station will be a base for 44 firefighters and a fire engine.

It will have three vehicle bays, with a new brigade response vehicle expected to be housed there from 2015.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service vehicle and crew will also start and end their duties from the site.

# Chain firm forge ahead thanks to £5m scheme

ONE of the region's oldest chain makers has received an investment worth more than £5 million that has helped secure 40 jobs.

William Hackett Chains Limited in Cradley Heath has taken over another firm in the Black Country as part of the move and has begun to create the UK's first Centre of Excellence for Chain Manufacture. Bosses said they hoped the programme would help protect the area's industrial heritage.

### Marine

Tim Burgess, managing director of William Hackett Chains said: "Our strategic growth programme for William Hackett Chains is based upon ensuring that we are able to continue to define industry-leading solutions into the lifting, lashing, marine, offshore oil, mining and agricultural markets around the world."

"Reinforcing our invest-

ment in the West Midlands enables us to focus our product development, innovation and expertise in one area, ensuring we can continue to supply the high quality product to the markets in which we serve."

The firm dates back to 1892 and has taken ownership of Bradney Chains Limited in Quarry Road, Dudley, as part of its plan.

Mr Burgess added: "William Hackett and Bradney's have been manufacturing chains in the West Midlands since the 1800s. Through the acquisition of Bradney's we are reinforcing the UK's position as one of the leading suppliers of chains in the world."

"By combining the skill sets of Bradney's and William Hackett we are now able to serve broader international markets."

The investment will secure jobs at all of its factories and will allow the chain maker to develop new products and techniques.

"The West Midlands has a strong heritage in chain manufacturing and through the acquisition William Hackett Chains will now be the number one supplier of chains in the UK and will enable us to continue to compete on a global scale," added Mr Burgess.

The company has been continuously making chains at Maypole Fields for 110 years and has expanded before, including the establishment of a division in Alnwick, Northumberland.

## Civic leader raises £25k for charities



Former Mayor of Dudley Councillor Melvyn Mottram, right, celebrates fundraising success with current mayor Councillor Alan Finch, chairman of Dudley Stroke Association Jeanne Hignett and Tracy Lee from Diabetes UK

TWO charities were given a share of £25,000 when a former Mayor of Dudley handed over his fundraising total from his year in office.

Councillor Melvyn Mottram, who was Mayor of Dudley in 2012/13, handed over the windfall following a host of events during the 12 months.

He spent a year raising money for two charities - the Dudley Stroke Association and the Diabetes UK, Stourbridge, Dudley and District support group.

Councillor Mottram said: "Being Mayor is a privileged position because it gives you an opportunity to celebrate the work of charities and raise some much needed funds."

### Grateful

"I am extremely grateful to everyone who supported the charities in my mayoral year and I hope this will go some way to helping them continue their work in supporting people in most need."

Councillor Mottram was joined by representatives from the charities as well as the current Mayor and Mayoress. Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "I am delighted to see charities here benefiting from the Mayoral office. I look forward to continued success for my own charities for the remainder of my mayoral year."

The current Mayor of Dudley's chosen charities are Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and White House Cancer Support, Dudley.

## NEWS in brief

### Busy agenda at the Sons of Rest

A CLUB that was saved from closure is encouraging people to join in a series of new activities.

The Britannia Park Sons of Rest in Rowley Village, next to the Sir Robert Peel pub, was saved from closure around five years ago and is now encouraging people to join activities at the club.

On Mondays and Fridays, between 11.30am and 3.30pm, the club hosts a Men's Day of games.

On Tuesday from 10am to 11am the club hosts an exercise class for elderly people, followed by a sewing club from 5.30 to 8.30pm. The club also hosts a women's craft club on Wednesdays between 9am and 3pm.

Its latest activity is First Steps Dance Class for children and adults every Saturday, 10.15am to 1.30pm.

For more information call Brian Monk on 0121 559 8178.

### Hippodrome hosts history sleepover

FAMILIES are invited to a unique overnight event being held at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Those who attend can spend the night taking part in activities inspired by First World War commemorations alongside the award-winning, internationally acclaimed National Theatre production of War Horse.

It will take place at the theatre's Patrick Centre from 7pm on October 25 until 8am on October 26.

The evening will feature activities reminiscent of 1914 England including crafts, games, singing, storytelling and creating individual trench art.

To find out more visit [www.familyarts.co.uk](http://www.familyarts.co.uk)

### Basket weaving museum course

PEOPLE can get creative by taking a willow basket weaving course at the Black Country Living Museum.

The one-day beginners workshop takes place on November 9 from 10am to 4pm at the museum, in Tipton Road, Dudley.

The course costs £45 per person and must be pre-booked. Call t 0121 520 8054 or book online at [www.bclm.com](http://www.bclm.com)

### Harvest success

AN AUCTION of harvest produce has raised £1,500 for charity. It took place at a harvest festival organised by members of the Rotary Club of Dudley.

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**PROBLEM?** What problem? The ruling classes will not be in the least worried by this week's report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) showing England has some of the worst literacy and numeracy rates in the developed world. Rich people know it doesn't apply to their kids who can still get a fine education from as little as £10,000 a year in private schools. It's the state schools, bedevilled by indiscipline, lack of leadership and the chronic dumbing-down of exams, that have allowed reading, writing and arithmetic to slide off the list of priorities. The same report tells us that Britain has the worst levels of social mobility in the Western world. The chances of a working-class kid making it into a top job are worse today than they were 50 years ago.

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THE chief operating officer of Nissan, Toshiyuki Shiga, warned this week that it is "very important" that Britain remains part of the European Union. Sound familiar? In October 2002 Nissan issued another stern warning, that its huge UK operation could be endangered if Britain didn't adopt the euro. Just because they're big, it doesn't always mean they're right.

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**WHY** is car insurance so expensive? A reader tells me his daughter's new car suffered a tiny, glancing blow in a car park. The main dealer, sensing an insurance claim, quoted £600 for the repair and wanted to take the vehicle away for five days. A local bodyshop fixed it in a single day, for £72.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Arnhem return for John, 90, brings back PoW memories

by Louise Jew

**IT WAS** a bridge too far in the Second World War and the Battle of Arnhem saw young parachutist John Baker taken prisoner of war.

Now – as he celebrates his 90th birthday – he has recounted how he and 12 comrades were forced to give themselves up to the Germans as houses literally blew up around them during their trek to reinforce troops battling to take the nearby bridge.

He celebrated his 21st birthday in Stalag 12A, in transit to his eventual home for more than seven months, Stalag 11B near Hanover, where he was forced to put in long days of hard labour on near-starvation rations.

Once at Stalag 11B, Gornal-born John heard a distinctive dialect through the barbed wire in another section of the camp – and called out "how you going, Joe Marsh?" He and Joe had grown up together in Gornal and the two men shared Joe's last two Woodbine cigarettes.

## Wreath

John, now of Sedgley, has just returned from a moving pilgrimage back to Arnhem. He laid a wreath to mark the 69th anniversary of the battle. Though year by year fewer and fewer of the brave veterans who survived Arnhem remain, he fully intends to be there for the 'big one', the 70th anniversary.

John, a great-grandfather, who has lived in Ettymore Road West since 1949, was just 17 when he lied to join the Army in 1940, saying he was 18. He joined the Welsh Fusiliers but later a call came round for volunteers for the airborne forces.

He was tempted by the prospect of an extra two shillings a day – at the time he was



Arnhem veteran John, from Sedgley, now aged 90, shows his medals and beret

earning only 14 shillings a week, so it would double his wage – and a red beret that all the girls fell for.

So off he went, in 1942, to join the 1st airborne division and saw active service in the North Africa campaign, followed by Sicily and Italy.

"North Africa was a long campaign – the paras were supposed to be in and out but we were used as infantry," said John.

In late September 1944, John and the rest of his division in the British Airborne forces landed outside the Dutch town for Operation Market Garden. A number of other bridges had been taken but Arnhem proved the bridge too far, as immortalised in the blockbuster film of the same name.

Soon the forces were surrounded and almost 2,000 were killed, with many more injured and taken prisoner. John said: "We landed about eight miles from the bridge

and were among 10,000. We got within a quarter of a mile before we hit the heavy stuff. Two Panzer divisions were refitting just outside Arnhem, which threw us. They'd got heavy tanks and flamethrowers, against our rifles and machine guns.

"They were literally blowing houses down around us. Our officer decided the only way out was to surrender, somewhere near the Elizabeth Hospital in West Arnhem."

John and his comrades spent five days being transported, 40 to a cattle truck, on the railway into Germany to their prison camps. There he was set to hard labour clearing up bomb damage and helping to lay railway lines.

They were surviving on one loaf of German black bread between seven men each day, with a pint of 'skilly' – a watery soup. Very rarely they would have some potatoes or sauerkraut and about once a



John joined up in 1940 when he was 17 month Red Cross parcels would arrive with concentrated soup and chocolate.

"Remarkably I only lost a few pounds and we were eventually relieved by a spearhead of the American 5th army, which caught up with us as the Germans marched us away from the camp," said John.

He returned to Bulford camp, near Salisbury, where he met his wife Rosalin. The couple, who had three daughters, celebrated 65 years of marriage. Rosalin died last year, aged 89.

John became a grinding machine operator at Contractor Switchgear in Wolverhampton, later working at Tipton and then as a member of security staff at John Thompson's boiler makers in Ettingshall.

John, who celebrated his 90th birthday with a family party at The Lodge in Wellington Road, Dudley, said: "I was young compared to most – a boy amongst men."

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## Inquest on microlight death opens

AN INQUEST has opened on a pilot who died when his microlight crashed after flying into power cables while landing.

Andrew Tollerton, aged 52, of Gerald Road, Wollaston, died from chest and head injuries in the tragedy. The crash happened at about 6pm on Sunday, October 6, at Barratt's Coppiece, off Bridgnorth Road, Stourton.

South Staffordshire Coroner Andrew Haigh opened the inquest at Stafford last week. He adjourned the hearing to await reports, giving a provisional date of March 12 next year.

Mr Tollerton's family paid tribute to him saying he died doing what he loved to do.

## Game draws charity cash

COUNCILLORS and council workers donned football kit to take on professional coaches in a match.

The event at the Dell Stadium, Brierley Hill, raised £200 for charities. The Dudley Council team battled Dudley Town FC's select XI to a 2-2 draw.

The cash will be divided between White House Cancer Support and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Both causes are supported by Dudley Mayor Councillor Alan Finch during his term. He said: "A draw was about the right result and I would like to thank everyone who took part."

# Driver set his own car alight to destroy evidence of crash

A MAN from Old Hill set fire to his own car after it had been involved in an accident in an attempt to destroy evidence, a court heard.

Christopher Rose was spotted by an off-duty police officer, climbing over the wall of the Oldbury garage where the car was being stored at 7.30am on July 2 this year.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told the Rover vehicle had been taken to Star Autos by police following a collision the previous evening.

### Hooded

The court heard that Rose, 25, had told the officer: "I haven't done anything."

He had a hooded top under one arm and wrapped in it was the steering wheel of the vehicle which he had removed, the court heard.

Rose, of Heathfield Close, had then made off but was arrested later. The car was found to have been set on fire.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to pervert the course of justice during the hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He also admitted a charge of dangerous driving which had taken

### Report by Lee Watton

place on July 7 - while he was on bail for the earlier offence.

The court was told that Rose had led police on a chase along roads across the Sandwell area cutting up cars and even going through a red light.

The pursuit had ended when the vehicle being driven by Rose collided with a taxi.

A girl passenger in the taxi travelling home from school suffered minor injuries in the smash.

Rose was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment for perverting the course of justice charge and 12 months for the dangerous driving to be served consecutively.

Mrs Blondelle Thompson, defending, said: "All of these incidents are related to my client's drug addiction."

"He is working to address that," she added.

## Freeman Lenny thanks hard working town



Comedian and actor Lenny Henry at Dudley Council House where he received the freedom of the borough from the mayor

FROM being a teenage helper at Dudley Zoo to achieving comedy stardom, Lenny Henry couldn't hide his delight as he received the Freedom of Dudley, saying 'this wasn't supposed to happen to me'.

The comedian and thespian, who grew up on the Buffery estate, said he was 'incredibly moved' to receive the honour from Mayor Alan Finch.

He waded on top form when giving his acceptance speech at a special ceremony at the Town Hall last week.

He joked he would have to change

career after learning he could now drive sheep up the town's High Street.

But he also thanked the town for providing a springboard for his career, picking out venues including The Town Hall and Queen Mary Ballroom at Dudley.

He said: "People always ask what Dudley did for me - living here taught me you had to work hard to get anywhere in life."

"Three minutes on stage at the Queen Mary Ballroom would teach you that real quick, if you ain't funny

someone from the Priory Estate would throw a cinder block at you."

In front of civic leaders he also joked about the time spent on debating whether to grant him the honour. Councillors took six months after questions were raised about the criteria for the award, which is usually handed to long-serving councillors and army regiments.

Mr Henry said: "I heard there was a debate about the whole thing which took a bit to work out - thanks for coming round to it, eventually."

## NEWS in brief

### Meerkat adoption has royal approval

AN ADOPTION package for Dudley Zoo's three baby meerkats has been given the royal seal of approval. Three meerkat pups, born just before the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's son, were named George, Alexander and Louis in his honour.

Dudley Zoo staff sent an adoption pack to Prince George Alexander Louis and were delighted to receive a thank you letter from Kensington Palace. Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said: "We also sent an invitation for William, Catherine and George to visit us and meet the meerkats."

### Book ahead for a traditional bonfire

SPARKS will fly at Black Country Living Museum with a traditional bonfire night on November 5.

The family evening will include a fanfare of barrel organs, a brass band playing popular tunes, roaring bonfire and fire-juggling, as well as a feast of Black Country food.

Tickets are £15.50 adults, £12.40 seniors and £8.25 youngsters. Tickets must be pre-booked on 0121 520 8054 or via the website [www.bclm.com](http://www.bclm.com).

### Lantern making sessions at park

CRAFTY children can get help to make their own willow lanterns at Priory Park in Dudley on October 29 from 11am to 12.30pm with a parade at 6pm.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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ADVOCATES of mother-and-child parking spaces at supermarkets say it is a matter of safety rather than convenience, which is fair enough. After all, it can't be conducive to child safety making young children walk half-way across a busy car park.

What I don't understand is, given this understandable concern for safety, why so many of the parents who use these spaces find it necessary to drive the wrong way down a one-way system to access them.

Every Saturday I see a steady stream of inconsiderate young mothers, usually in multi-seater people carriers or off-roaders, defiantly driving contrary to the traffic flow at my local supermarket, Tesco at Burnt Tree.

Possession of a child seat and a 'baby on board' sticker does not exempt you from the rules of the road, you know.

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ACCORDING to media reports, professional celeb and one-time footballer David Beckham now hopes to split his time between Britain and Los Angeles.

"They want the California sunshine for the kids but the education system of the UK - so they're getting the best of both worlds," said one authoritative source.

The education system of the UK? I wonder which inner-city comprehensive the Beckham offspring will be attending.

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SO THE Government is looking at raising the minimum age for driving from 17 to 18, and then placing them under a night-time curfew until they are at least 19. Obviously looking for the youth vote then.

But will it really make any difference? We all know boy racers are a menace to society, but surely the safety of young drivers is less about whether they have celebrated their 18th birthday, and more about their general maturity.

The answer is probably a few more questions on the driving test, I dunno, such as 'have you ever read Loaded magazine?', 'has your car got after-market speakers fitted?' or 'have you ever spent an evening eating takeaways in a car park?' If the answer is 'yes' to any of the above, then it should be a straight fail.

Better still, why not impose new rules on the type of car that young people can drive. Volvo estate, beige Austin Maestro, probably means little threat to the peace and safety of the general public. Rusty old Citroen Saxo with blacked-out windows, boom box and exhaust like a sewer pipe? Five-year driving ban.

Call it possession of an offensive vehicle.



The chilling BBC broadcast centre in the tunnels



An under ground factory where up to 600 worked



Sid Robinson examines the BBC broadcast centre

# Opening door on history of tunnels

Below ground lie chilling reminders of the Cold War as **LEE WATTON** found out when he went under ground

**A TREE-LINED rural track bordered on either side by sandstone rock is the unassuming entrance to a vast underground complex which was once the centre of vital military operations.**

Drakelow Tunnels were used to manufacture machine parts during the Second World War and was designated a regional seat of government in the event of nuclear attack during the Cold War. And the three-mile network of tunnels is still full of reminders of its military past from electrical vehicles used to move components to kitchen equipment once used by staff.

Plans are now in place to transform the tunnels, between Kinner and Wolverley, into a museum honouring the site's past. The scheme has yet to be approved by Wyre Forest District Council.

## Ensure

And before any work is carried out, site caretaker Sid Robinson has thrown open the heavy metal door to the complex, north of Kidderminster, to give a glimpse of what is inside.

The first sight is a security booth which would once have been manned to ensure only authorised personnel could gain access to the complex.

Mr Robinson, aged 43, who has overseen the site since the early 1990s, said under the new plans the booth would be restored to its original appearance.

There is the sickbay where staff and occupants would have been treated. Basins are still standing in the room.

Under the museum plan, a window will be fitted to the room and actors will perform an operation from the period on a screen. This will show visitors the kind



Caretaker Sid Robinson opens the door to the Drakelow Tunnels

of medical treatment people using the tunnels could have expected in the event of a nuclear war.

Close by is the BBC Room, from which broadcasts would have been made telling people what was happening after a nuclear attack.

A control desk from the period is still in place along with telephones from both the 1960s and early 1980s.

Mr Robinson said: "It is chilling to think someone would have sat here and reported what was going on if a nuclear war had taken place."

Large areas of the tunnels have been opened up into walkways. These would have originally been taken up by offices, but these structures have since collapsed and been cleared away.

When the tunnels were used as a factory during the Second World War

owners Quercus Ilex SA, a visitor centre would be built. There are also proposals for six houses which would generate cash to fund work on the museum. And the scheme is designed to be phase one of planned improvements for the site.

Once the museum has been established there are also proposals for nature walks giving better access to the listed Baxter Monument and views over the escarpment where the tunnels are built.

The monument is an obelisk which was built in the mid-19th century by William Hancock in honour of 17th century preacher Richard Baxter. There are also plans to restore a series of rock houses near to the tunnel entrances.

Mr Robinson said: "There are a lot of plans for the site. The aim is to bring the tunnels and the surrounding area back into use. It is such a shame to have buildings and tunnels of such historic interest which are not being used in some way."

## Effort

"There is a great deal of work to be done before the tunnels are ready and we are always on the look out for people who can donate equipment to us for exhibits." The tunnels were designed by Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners and were excavated from the sandstone hills during the conflict.

It was to be a factory for the Rover company, who were manufacturing engines for use in the war effort.

Construction work began in June 1941 but full production did not start at the complex until May 1943. It cost more than £1 million to complete.

During the 1950s, the site was used by the Ministry of Supply for storage. It was developed by the Home Office as a Regional Seat of Government in the late 1950s and modernised during the 1980s.

The site was decommissioned during the early 1990s and sold but firm plans for the site have never been put in place.

Mr Robinson said: "The aim of these plans are to retain the tunnels and highlight their historic importance to the area."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

THE death knell was sounded for West Midlands County Council, just nine years after it had been formed. It was announced that the authority, which covered Birmingham, Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Coventry, Solihull and the newly-formed borough of Sandwell, was to be disbanded in 1985, with most of its powers being devolved to the main towns and cities.

The seven district councils would continue to work in partnership for policing, public transport, and fire services though.

AN ACTION group protesting against the men convicted of murdering Wordsley paper boy Carl Bridgewater tried to disrupt racing at Warwick. But the bid failed, as the protesters sprayed graffiti and poured oil onto the wrong course.

### 1993.....

NELSON Mandela arrived in Birmingham to a rapturous welcome, and described the city as his 'home sweet home'. He was given a standing ovation when he spoke at a concert in his honour at Symphony Hall.

ELEVEN England fans were charged after 195 were held in a night of violence in Amsterdam ahead of a World Cup qualifier against Holland. The 11 fans faced allegations of violence.

WHY did the elephant cross the road? To open a new shop. Miss Sandra took a walk across Powke Lane in Cradley Heath to open the new Powell Office Equipment store. The elephant came from Chipperfields Circus which was across the road

### 2003...

THOUSANDS of homes and businesses received no mail after postal workers walked out for the second time in a month. More than 120 workers walked out of Wolverhampton's Sun Street depot after anonymous racist comments were posted on the staff notice board.

AMBULANCE drivers in the West Midlands were being issued with a staggering 3,000 speeding tickets every year after being caught by roadside cameras.

A BUSINESS leader called for a football-style loan transfer system to stop skilled workers leaving the area. Dudley divisional director of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, George Munro, said a similar scheme had been launched in the north-east

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## LETTERS

## Donors dismayed by rude nurses

I WAS interested to read Paul Oakley's letter in The Chronicle. I removed myself from the blood donor register four years ago after also clocking up 30 plus years of donations. I wrote to BTS to explain my decision.

Over the last few years I have seen a difference in how donors are treated by the staff at BTS sessions.

Fewer nurses per donor. I assume this is a cost-cutting exercise but seeing so few trying to deal with three, four or more donors each does not give any new donor confidence that they are being looked after sufficiently.

What is the point of the appointment system as far as the donors are concerned? I appreciate it gives some idea of the number of people likely to turn up for a session but seems to have no relation whatsoever to the time the donor is in and out. Not good enough. Some of us have jobs to go to, children to collect, etc. An appointment should be reasonably accurate.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, why do the nurses insist on chatting to each other across the donor as if they were not there? This seems to be a fairly recent thing, maybe because they

do not have time to have an actual conversation with the donors any more? I have seen this so many times and have heard complaints from other donors. One lady told me that she had complained about the rudeness of this but was looked at as if she was barmy.

I have been addressed as 'Sir' on several occasions even though I am - trust me! - quite obviously female, simply because the nurse hasn't even looked at me as she was too busy gossiping with any other nurse.

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## Tackle those tax avoiders

THERE is rightly an HMRC campaign to reduce benefit fraud which is estimated to cost the country at least £5.5 billion a year. The clamour to tackle this scandal is very loud.

Not so the question of tax avoidance and evasion. New figures show £1 in every £10 of corporation tax is spirited away from the taxman. Let us consider all the figures and not just the ones that suit a political point of view.

R TABERNER  
Regent Road  
Tividale

## Blood delay no big deal

I WAS a blood donor for many years whilst working full time.

I don't ever remember being attended to at my appointment time but surely it is no big deal to give a little time as well as a unit of blood to save a person who might be in extremis. It's only twice a year when all is said and done.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Lenny's honour is long overdue

I WELCOME the award of the freedom of Dudley Borough to Lenny Henry.

This honour is well deserved - and long overdue. I remember the Liberal Democrats proposing years ago on Dudley Council that Lenny Henry should be given this honour, and I remember how the suggestion was greeted with derision by the other two parties. Well, this is yet another Liberal Democrat idea whose time has now come.

Rather like old age pensions, introduced by the Liberal Government in 1909; and the National Health Service, a Liberal idea implemented by the Labour government in 1948. And, more recently, the pupil premium to advance the education of underprivileged children; and taking the first £10,000 out of income tax to help working families; and the triple lock on pensions to protect retired people on the state pension.

Three Liberal Democrat ideas now being implemented by the Coalition government. - I'm proud to be a Liberal Democrat.

CHRIS BRAMALL  
Dudley, Stourbridge and Halesowen  
Liberal Democrats

## Closing clinic is a mistake

The closure of the walk-in clinic at Holly Hall is a big mistake. It would put extra work on the A&E department at Russells Hall which cannot cope now, also most GPs surgeries.

The service at the walk-in clinic is brilliant; no A&E or GP surgeries are going to compete with this service. I think someone at Dudley Council or the people involved with this closure need to live in the real world and see the great service this clinic gives patients.

V CARTWRIGHT  
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## Is help to buy home a ploy?

IS the latest scheme by our Government to get us on the housing ladder just a ploy so that in old age they can take our property from us to pay for care costs?

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## NEWS FEATURE

# Eliza linked to industrial past as a notable figure

A **SEDGLEY** chainmaking magnate and bare-knuckle boxing legend the Tipton Slasher are among the latest additions to a prestigious guide to the people who shaped Britain.

More than 70 notable historic figures connected with the West Midlands are featured in the latest update to the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, which can be viewed over the internet.

The latest additions include Eliza Tinsley, a Sedgley widow who owned one of the largest nail and chain making businesses in the West Midlands, and inventor Thomas Parker, whose Wolverhampton business pioneered electricity as a form of domestic power, and also invented Coalite smokeless fuel.

### Juvenile

Jack Judge, the Oldbury comedian who wrote the popular wartime ditty It's A Long Way to Tipperary, is also featured in the new guide, along with Tipton Slasher William Perry, who was the boxing champion of England from 1850 to 1857.

Another famous name from the region was Dame Geraldine Cadbury, who was born in 1865.

After marrying into famous chocolate-making dynasty, reconciled increasing wealth with a commitment to social reform, becoming a volunteer probation officer and a nationally-recognised expert on juvenile justice policy.

But one of the most remarkable stories was that of Birmingham button manufacturer Skirrow Wright, 1822-1880, who became one of the leading figures in local government during the second half of the 19th century. He died suddenly while attending a committee meeting in the newly-opened council house.



Chainmaker Eliza Tinsley, added to the guide



Tipton Slasher, William Perry

A statue of him was placed in front of the municipal buildings.

West Bromwich draper John Blackham, who founded the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon movement which organised church-related activities for men on Sunday afternoons, also gets a listing.

Editor Philip Carter said one of the principal objectives of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography was to document the lives of major figures from Britain's industrial past.

"The Black Country - now recognised as the world's first industrial landscape - is a particular focus of the latest dictionary update," he said.

"This was the area that supplied the

world with hardware - from everyday household objects to the anchor chain of the Titanic - and the dictionary gives examples of some of the most remarkable lives."

Birmingham University professor and Express & Star columnist Carl Chinn is among the contributors to the latest update, having written the entries for Birmingham Labour MP Percy Shurner and author Kate Dayus, best known for her childhood memories of Edwardian Birmingham.

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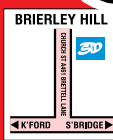
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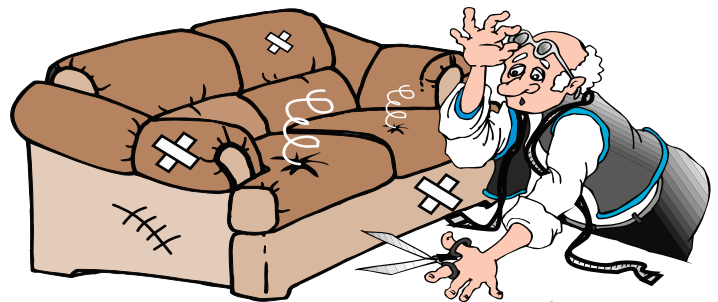
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NEWS

## Elderly helped by harvest collection



Schoolchildren hand over all the food they have collected for their harvest festival to Age Concern UK Director Ken Turner and Dorothy Lowbridge, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, at Halesowen CE Primary School. CHILDREN have been collecting food to help a pensioners' day centre that was struck by vandals twice in a week. Around 60 pupils in years three and four at Halesowen Church of England Primary School have been on a week-long drive to collect tinned food, packet food and pasta for the Age Concern day centre in the town. They started collections after vandals struck twice at the Green Lane centre in August, stealing food, cash, cutlery,

then taking a power washer and battery chargers from the minibus. Around £9,000 in damage was caused in the raids. Dorothy Lowbridge, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, was at the school to accept the youngsters' donation on behalf of Age Concern. Hus Begum, the High Street school's pastoral manager, said: "Quite a lot of parents have commented that they are pleased that it is somewhere local that we are helping."

## Thief too addicted to work

A HEROIN addict caught ransacking an empty pub avoided having to carry out unpaid work as punishment because he was taking too much methadone to work in the community.

Gavin Sadler was caught raiding the Rowley Rag pub on September 15. Sadler, 38, was spotted after pulling his Ford Transit van behind a fenced-off area at the Throne Road site, while it was undergoing renovation, Sandwell Magistrates Court heard.

The heroin addict of nine years admitted being a vagrant found in an enclosed area for an unlawful purpose. Mrs Rachel Smith, prosecuting, said it appeared that Sadler had got behind the fence, opened it, driven his van in and pulled the side gates closed again so as to conceal his efforts to strip the closed pub at around 11.10pm.

### Released

She added: "Due to the property being in such disrepair there's no charge made about the items taken." Magistrates listened to a pre-sen-

tence report, which explained that Sadler, of Brickhouse Road, Rowley Regis, had been taking methadone in a bid to beat his heroin addiction since being released from his most recent jail term and for that reason he was not suitable to carry out unpaid work in the community.

The defendant was given a 12-month community order with 12 months' supervision and a six-month drug rehabilitation programme.

He was ordered to pay a £60 statutory surcharge but no court costs due to his limited means.

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Sun 2nd	Wellesbourne Market + Stratford-upon-Avon (2 seats for £20)	£13	£11	£12
Sun 3rd	Drayton Manor 'Fireworks Spectacular'	£30	£28	£25
Fri 8th	Weston 'Illuminated Carnival'	£18	£16	£17
Wed 13th	The Whitting Inn 'Best of British Show' (Adults Only)	£28	£27	
Sun 17th	Trafford Centre (Manchester)	£14	£12	£13
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Fri 22nd	Gloucester Victorian Christmas Market	£16	£13	£15
Sat 23rd	Chester Victorian Christmas Market	£16	£13	£15
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Sat 30th	Santa Safari (West Midlands Safari Park)	£19	£21	£17

### December

		Adult	Child	Senior
Sun 1st	York - St Nicholas Christmas Fayre	£17	£14	£16
Fri 6th	Lincoln Christmas Market	£17	£13	£15
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## MEMORY LANE



May 1963: The annual reunion of the 5th and 7th battalions of the South Staffordshire Regiment at Walsall Drill Hall. Three chums from the 5th, from left, Bert Sanders, John Woodcock and Frank Barker, share a few memories



Men of the 2/6th South Staffordshire Regiment in 1915 before setting off to reinforce the 1st battalion. Archie Griffiths of Wombourne is seated, first left, front row

# South Staffs led heroic struggle for the Somme

by Carl Chinn

FOR SO many of us, our thoughts of the First World War are dominated by water-sodden and dirty trenches, heroic yet unsuccessful attacks across the mud of no man's land, and bloody losses of life in futile battles ordered by incompetent and insensitive generals.

In particular, the terrible first day of the Somme looms large in our national and collective consciousness about the horrors of the Great War.

Among those who went 'over the top' on July 1, 1916 were the men of the 1st Battalion the South Staffordshire Regiment. Territorials, they were part of the 137th Staffordshire Brigade, which included two battalions each from North and South Staffordshire. It belonged to the 46th (North Midland) Division, one of the 14 peace-time divisions of the Territorial Force.

The 5th South Staffordshire Regiment had its headquarters and four companies at Walsall, with other companies at Bloxwich, Hednesford, Handsworth and Wednesbury.

As for the 6th battalion, it was based in Wolverhampton, where it had three companies, with others in Willenhall, Sedgley, Darlston, Bilston and Tettenhall. Like all Territorial soldiers, the men of the 46th North Midland Division were mobilised when war was declared on August 4, 1914.

Its 18,000 infantrymen, gunners, engineers, and medics then trained strenuously until early March 1915 when they were shipped to France – thus becoming the first complete Territorial Division to take the field. By now, the two Staffordshire battalions had become the 1/5th and 1/6th and on the first day of the Somme, they joined the 56th (London Division) to attack Gommecourt, an enemy salient that bulged out from the German lines into no man's land. This assault was a diversion to draw German troops away from Serre to the south.

The two divisions attacked to the north and



October 14, 1965: Comrades from 1/5th South Staffordshire Regiment mark the 50th anniversary of the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt. They met at Wolverhampton's Bradmore Hotel

south of the heavily fortified village and aimed to link up behind it – thus cutting off the Germans. The plan failed. After the Great War, a committee of the officers of the 1/6th wrote up the battalion's war history.

At the time, even the commanding officer, Lieutenant J H Thursfield, was unaware of the reasons for the attack. At 6.25am an intense British bombardment began, but "the enemy replied vigorously, both with his field guns and howitzers, and revealed the true strength of his artillery."

## Guns

One of these machine guns was in the north-west corner of Gommecourt Village and could not be silenced and it "must have been responsible for a large number of the casualties in the advance".

Shortly before 7.30 the attack was launched, but "the enemy's fire was intense, and from the very start casualties were heavy. The smokescreen, after settling down, drifted parallel with the front instead of towards the enemy, with the result that when halfway across no man's land the assaulting waves came within full view of the enemy. On reaching the wire, men looked in vain for the openings they had expected. It had been cut by our artillery, but no guns could remove it, and it remained in such masses as effectually to prevent a passage".

However, one gap had been made and some of D Company "managed to gain a footing in the enemy's front line, but were soon outnumbered and fell". The bombers under Lieutenant Flaxman also made for the gap but the wire "prevented them from getting to grips, and they were shot down in the open".

On the right flank C Company engaged the enemy "but they could make no headway and suffered heavily. For the rest, those men who passed through the barrages and escaped the machine gun fire could make no progress past the enemy's wire."

As for A and B Companies, they found no gaps. Casualties were severe. Out of the total of 239 in the battalion, most occurred within a few minutes of the beginning of the attack. As for the 1/5th South Staffs, that battalion had also suffered high casualties, with 219 men killed or wounded.

The Battle of the Somme was not the first action that 1/5th and 1/6th had been involved in. Along with the rest of the 46th North Midland Division they had taken part in the Battle of Loos, when on October 15, 1915 they had attacked the Hohenzollern Redoubt.

This was a most forbidding fortification that was linked to the German lines behind it by two well-protected trenches called Little Willie and Big Willie. The 1/5th and 1/6th South Staffordshire Regiment were enjoined to capture Big Willie and then move on to take a defensive site called Fosse 8, a mine at the base of a slagheap.

According to James P Jones in his History of the South Staffordshire Regiment (1923), as soon as the South Staffs attacked they "came under a deadly cross-fire from three sides. With a rush they captured the main trench, but owing to heavy machine gun fire swift progress was impossible."

Resolutely the South Staffs battled along Big Willie and "far into the night the soldiers' battle continued, for it had become an affair of individual gallantry and endurance. Here, for three days, they fought and endured like the heroes of old, until they were relieved by the 2nd Guards Brigade". Casualties were heavy. The 1/5 and 1/6th had lost 31 officers while 695 other ranks had been killed, wounded or were missing.

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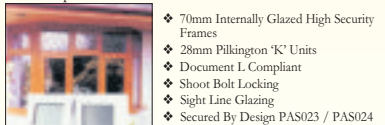
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## NEWS

# Major show aiming to attract more investment

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But they recently found out they would have to move. Britannia Park Sons of Rest in Enfield Road, Rowley Regis, stepped in and invited the dance class to use their venue. For more information on the dance classes call Teresa Horton on 07787 945247.

A MAJOR engineering exhibition next month will be used to help attract new investment to the Black Country.

Invest Black Country, which was set up by the area's Local Enterprise Partnership a year ago, will be exhibiting alongside Jaguar Land Rover and aerospace group Moog at the Advanced Engineering UK event at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre on November 12 and 13.

JLR, which is building a £500 million engine plant at Wolverhampton that will create 1,400 jobs, will be showing off two of its latest models and Moog, which has a factory in Wolverhampton, will also have a stand.

### Manager

Brierley Hill-based Invest Black Country is already working closely with JLR to improve its supply chain and source more components from within the Black Country.

Alan Edwards, senior supply chain manager for JLR will be speaking about its 'just in time - just in sequence' strategy for components.

Invest Black Country head of investment Wayne Langford said it would also be featuring six local companies on its stand at the exhibition and explaining the work of the LEP in supporting business and offering advice on access to finance.

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## NEWS

# Brian bowled over by his maiden Pam



Happily married - Brian and Pam Priest, from Wombourne, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary

A COUPLE who met at the wedding of their lifelong friends have celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Brian Priest and his self-confessed 'cricket widow' wife Pam married at St John's Church in Halesowen in 1963.

Just two years earlier their paths first crossed at the wedding of John and Ann Smith - and in Mr Priest's words they were clearly meant to be. He and Mr Smith were childhood school pals, while Mrs Priest and Mrs Smith began working together after leaving school.

Mr Priest, aged 75, said: "We met at the wedding and it soon progressed from there when we

courted. I guess it was always meant to be."

Keen cricket fan Mr Priest played the sport in his younger days and is now a regular watcher at New Road, Edgbaston and Lord's.

But it has meant that Mrs Priest has been left to her own devices over the years.

"She's definitely a cricket widow," he said. "It's a very prominent part of my life which she doesn't interfere with"

The pair have two sons - 47-year-old Calvin and Stuart, 44, as well as three granddaughters.

The couple are both from the Dudley area and moved to Ounsdale Crescent in Wombourne last year.



The happy couple seen in 1963

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## CLUB NEWS

### A mystery tour of the Midlands

#### BLACKHEATH MORNING TWG

THE meeting on September 25 was opened by Chairman Doreen Armstrong who welcomed all members and visitors together with speaker for the day Ian Bott.

Monthly reports were given by Treasurer Beryl Hartley, Outings Co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmere and Press Officer Iris Harris.

On September 11, a group of members visited Harvington Hall and a local garden centre for lunch. The ladies had an excellent day but the weather was not kind.

At the end of business, Doreen introduced Mr Bott whose talk was a Midlands Mystery Tour. This consisted of 100 slides showing a group of Black Country folk enjoying a charabanc tour in the 1960s.

The destinations included Lichfield, The Cotswolds and Severn Valley with stops at such places like Shugborough Hall, The National Tramway Museum and Anne Hathaway's Cottage.

The charabanc's return to the Black Country was highlighted by Ian showing a glorious sunset over Wolverhampton painted by war-time artist, Bradbury.

Beryl Hartley gave the vote of thanks and members gave a round of applause. The next meeting is on October 23 at 10.30am at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath.

This will be a birthday meeting and speaker will be Mr Alan Peace whose subject will be "Never work with children or animals".

## Group highlights right for education



Scarecrow co-ordinators Pat Hogan and Renee White and her Sorooptimister Bill

OVER the weekend of September 27-29, members of SI Wolverhampton took part in the Scarecrow Festival in Fittingham.

The theme was to educate the girl, educate the family; to raise awareness that Sorooptimists worldwide support the right of all children to receive an education.

The members of SI Wolverhampton are currently involved in supporting FOOT-PRINTS Orphanage in Africa, where all children have the opportunity to learn, by supplying educational materials. Coupled

#### WOLVERHAMPTON SOROPTIMISTS

with this project the club decided that 'Water Aid' collections should go towards the survey being undertaken, to find a source of sustainable clean water for the orphanage and the local village, in this very barren area. This all helps to enable the children to be educated in a safe and healthier environment.

## Nailed on for history talk

#### THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY KINGSWINFORD BRANCH

AT the first meeting of the season on September 18, Mark Clifford, project officer from Avoncroft Museums, spoke about the development of a nailer's cottage, 1860-2013.

Nail making was an important cottage industry in the Birmingham area from the early 17th century. Families were poorly paid by the suppliers for the amount

of work done and often in tokens to be used in shops and pubs run by the owners.

Workers from time to time went on strike for better wages. As mechanisation took over so the cottage industries declined and most of the buildings were

demolished. A couple of listed buildings remained on Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, and were due for demolition but kept in tact.

It was decided to remove the cottage to Avoncroft Museums and demolition took place in July 2012.



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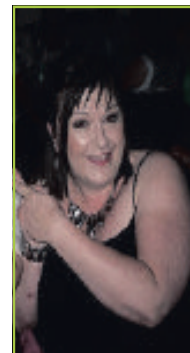
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Councillor Khurshid Ahmed with, back, school crossing patrol officers Paul Mullings, Michael Cook and co-ordinator Coral Holloway

## Lollipop sticks record motorists

LOLLIPOP men and ladies providing a safe crossing to school for youngsters have long suffered the wrath of impatient motorists.

But now the workers at Dudley Council have a weapon in their armoury which appears to be quelling the problem and improving road safety.

Cameras positioned inside the signal poles are designed as a deterrent against road rage outbursts, and they also record footage of drivers failing to stop at the crossings.

Figures revealed this week show the number of reported dangerous driving incidents has dropped from eight last year, to only four so far this year.

Coral Holloway, the council's school crossing co-ordinator and lollipop lady for 14 years, said: "We're now seeing a more careful approach from drivers - the message appears to be getting out there."

"Motorists are spotting the signs warning of the cameras and are abiding by the rules."

The cameras are in two of the council's lollipop sticks, and are shifted around the borough to problem areas.

They begin recording when lifted vertically and take footage from the front and back of the sign.

### Identify

The film can then be used to identify the motorist, who can be sent a warning letter from the council.

There are currently 88 regular lollipop lady and men, with nine back-up staff.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, the council's cabinet member for transport, said: "There have been a few incidents in the past which have led us to install the cameras, but the good news is they appear to be working."

"This, alongside the introduction of 20mph speed limits outside some schools, is improving the safety of children, which is key to us."



The tiny video camera

## Bishop David says goodbye

PEOPLE from Worcestershire and Dudley gathered in Worcester Cathedral on Sunday to say good bye to the Bishop of Dudley, leaving the diocese to become the 12th Bishop of Manchester.

The Rt Revd David Walker has been Bishop of Dudley since 2000 and his farewell service took the form of evensong at the cathedral after which the Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge, presented him with a number of gifts from the diocese, including a bespoke cope and mitre for his new role.

Bishop David, aged 56, said: "Whilst I am excited about returning to my home city as Bishop, my wife Sue and I will also be sad to leave so many friends that we have made in the Diocese of Worcester."

His formal enthronement will take place in Manchester Cathedral on November 30.

## Cycling veteran Ethel celebrates her 100th



Patricia Treagust, Jean Hinett, Heather Finch and Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch with Ethel Taylor celebrating her 100th birthday

ONE of a well-known Black Country cycling club's earliest members has celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Ethel Taylor was joined by her nieces Patricia Treagust and Jean Hinett to mark the special occasion - and even received a visit from Dudley Mayor, Councillor Alan Finch.

Other visitors on the day included past and present members of Oldbury and District Cycling Club.

Mrs Taylor, formerly of Hagley but who now lives at the Holly Lodge Care Home, Oldswinford, was one of the club's very first members, joining in the 1930s.

### Meetings

Over the years she served as both treasurer and committee member. Meetings were even held at her home.

Mrs Taylor's husband Frank, who died in 1999, was also a member of the club and competed in the Oldbury 13-hour time trial for 19 years.

The trial had around 100 members in its heyday and some riders went on to become national time trial champions.

Both Mrs Taylor and her husband were made life members of the club in the 1960s.

They attended the club regularly and when no longer cycling still enjoyed walking and camping holidays, often in the mountains of Scotland and Wales.

Mrs Hinett said her aunt was also a skilled dressmaker and enjoyed cooking. Mrs Taylor moved to

Holly Lodge from her home in Meadow Croft, Hagley, earlier this year after breaking her hip.

Mrs Hinett said: "Up until then my aunt had very little in the way of medical treatment. She has always been extremely fit."

"The home put on a great party to celebrate my aunt's 100th birthday and it was wonderful people from the club came to share the occasion with her."

"It was also great for the mayor to visit."

Mrs Hinett added: "She was one of the club's first members. At the time it was very rare for a woman to be involved in such a sport so she was revolutionary in many ways. Her commitment to the club over the years was extraordinary."

Mrs Hinett said her aunt had got her involved in cycling at the age of 15.

Mrs Taylor was born Ethel Treagust, the youngest of five children and lived in Edgbaston Road, Birmingham, and became interested in cycling as a young woman.

She married Frank in 1945 after he returned from service with the Army.

by Lee Watton

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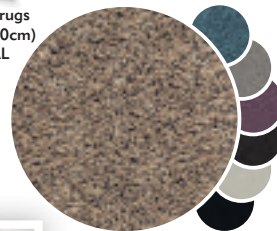


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## NEWS

# Getting ready for big festive light switch-on

## Bully backs boxers



Knockout night – Tipton-born Steve Bull, Mayor Alan Finch and organiser Paul Gough promote the boxing show

YOUNG boxers will go glove-to-glove in the ring at a fundraising event for their club.

Members of Priory Park Boxing Club are preparing for bouts on the bill at The Venue, in Dudley High Street. The event on November 1 will held raise funds for the club beside Priory Park.

Wolves legend Steve Bull is guest of honour to help present awards to the winning fighters with the Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch. Ten bouts will be fought while guests can enjoy a three-course meal.

Fighters have been working hard in the gym trained by head coach Paul Gough.

Mr Gough said, "It will be different to other shows that we have put on in the past and will be even bigger. Bully has supported the club over the years so it is great that he has agreed to come down."

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PREPARATIONS are under way for Dudley Christmas lights switch-on, which takes place on November 23.

Dudley Council, which is organising the event, hopes it will help to bring more visitors into the town.

Free car parking will be offered on the day and there will be entertainment and festive fun throughout the town centre and the Churchill Shopping Centre.

It will start at noon on Saturday, November 23, and the big switch on will take place at 4.45pm. There will be an appearance by Father Christmas.

### Ukulele

There will also be festive music from the BCUPs Ukulele Band as well as other local performers. There will be traditional steam engines as well as vintage organs playing Christmas music in the town during the day.

Other events are taking place in the borough includes Halesowen's switch-on November 16 and in Stourbridge and Brierley Hill on November 30.

The event in Halesowen, which has been set up in conjunction with the Halesowen Chamber of Trade and The Cornbow Centre, will include fun fair rides, entertainment and Christmas stalls. In Stourbridge there will be a bumper Christmas market, festive activities in the Rye Market and entertainment while in Brierley Hill there will be a pantomime trail, a craft fair and entertainment.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We are working closely with local traders, community groups and businesses to organise the Christmas events which help boost footfall for the towns. The events are always great fun and they kick start the Christmas countdown for many of our residents."

## Carr's new hall date

COMEDIAN Jimmy Carr will have a gig at Dudley Town Hall next year. The comic, who was on stage at Wolverhampton Civic Hall this week, is at Dudley on May 17. Tickets are £28.

## New doors delight elderly residents



Residents at Worcester House in Halesowen are celebrating after having a new automatic entrance door fitted and pictured are Councillor Jill Nicholls with Florence Cox, Lola Phillpotts, Joy Hackett and, centre seated Jill Coley

A REVAMP to replace heavy entrance doors, improving the quality of life for people living at high rise blocks, has been completed to the joy of campaigners.

People living in Tenbury House, Worcester House and Malvern House, in Halesowen, mounted a three-year campaign for improvements. Some elderly residents said their lives were being made difficult by being forced to struggle

through the heavy wooden doors with shopping. Now around £18,500 has been spent on replacement automatic doors which can be opened by residents with a key. Other improvement works are planned in the coming months.

Belle Vale councillor Jill Nicholls, who campaigned for funding, said she was delighted the works had now taken place.

## More horses to be rounded up

BAILIFFS will be working around the clock to seize roaming horses which are plaguing residents in Sandwell as a controversial policy cracking down on strays is beefed up.

The authority is also seeking to link up with other Black Country councils to halt the horse menace.

Sandwell Council has taken on a new company of bailiffs who will work around the clock, instead of the former firm that only collected the beasts at night.

The authority also revealed that, as well as police, it could partner other

Black Country councils to ensure some horses are not ignored simply because they keep crossing borders.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell's jobs and economy boss, said the council was now considering joining forces with authorities in Wolverhampton and Walsall in an effort to streamline the bailiff service and cut costs.

### Flout

The problem is one of the biggest being dealt with in the region and also affects Dudley borough.

He said some horse owners were con-

tinuing to flout the rules, with Princes End in Tipton among the worst-affected areas.

He said: "People are still not heeding to our warning."

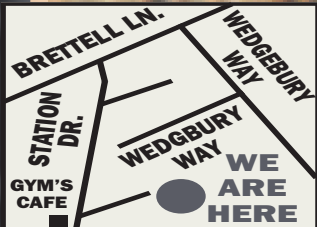
"We want to make the horse fraternity informed that you need to make sure horses are not on council land."

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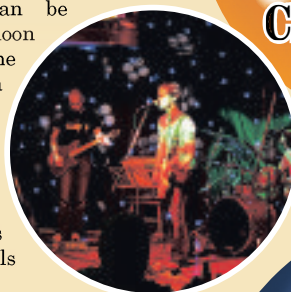
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## REVIEWS

# Bruno's a knockout and arena's packed crowd is in heaven

Bruno Mars, Birmingham NIA

A RAINY night in Birmingham, gridlocked roads and all car parks full. It was not the most promising start to a weekend but within five minutes of Bruno Mars hitting the stage at the NIA all the hassle was forgotten.

This guy is good. The Hawaiian cat in the white Fedora hat exudes soulful exuberance, combined with his all-action backing band and their synchronised dance moves.

With just two albums Mars has established himself at the top of the music game. If any doubt was left to over his major league status, that's was dispelled when he was confirmed as half-time act for February's Super Bowl in New Jersey.

The 5ft 5in dinky dynamo busts some James Brown moves, shows his prowess on guitar and drums, but sings with real conviction. He provided the best pop-R&B experience since Michael Jackson moonwalked off this mortal coil.

Slick funk such as Treasure rubbed shoulders with lilting reggae Show Me which segued into the sultry soul of Our First Time when Mars was elevated on a rising block and spotlighted for his gyrations.

Best received by the mainly female audience was his regret-filled ballad When I Was Your Man, from which he wringed every drop of emotion. His encore for the capacity crowd was Locked Out Of Heaven and Gorilla in a literally explosive finale.

Leon Burakowski

# Enchanting songstress with a gorgeous voice

Cara Dillon, Town Hall, Birmingham

IF Cara Dillon were a siren then the wariest of old seadogs would be lured by her enchanting voice. Appropriately she opened with a sea shanty-style song about true love.

Northern Irish songstress Dillon's gorgeous tones then lent themselves to Rise Up My Darling, a traditional song she sang in Irish. The band admitted they were 'winging it' somewhat as they had a little time to get everyone together and rehearse and many songs were from forthcoming album A Thousand Hearts.

Dillon really got to show off her gorgeous voice with ballads Donald and Garden Valley, for which she was accompanied by Sam Lakeman on grand piano.

For the encore she treated her fans to another traditional Irish tune Johnny, Lovely Johnny ending with a lovely haunting version of the Parting Glass.

Danny Farragher



Paul Michael Glaser as Teyve and Jennifer Douglas from Fiddler On The Roof at the Grand

## Shaw-fire hit from superb, passionate cast

12 Angry Men,  
Birmingham Rep

WHEN you re-enact a film as iconic and acclaimed as 12 Angry Men you had better get it right, fortunately the terrifically passionate cast led by Martin Shaw did and superbly so.

Shaw, who takes the part of the quietly spoken architect, Juror No8, played by Henry Fonda in the 1957 film adaptation, is supported by a cast which includes Hollywood Walk of Famer Robert Vaughn and British film star Nick Moran.

The drama focuses on the tensions of a jury deciding the fate of a juvenile delinquent accused of murdering his father and facing the electric chair in 1950s America.

When the vote is taken one man, Juror No8, stands alone and dares to express his doubts, much to the chagrin of the others who see it as a cut and dried case.

Shaw's character tries to express his doubts amid the clamour of bigotry and angst which surfaces from the variety of characters, none more so than Miles Richardson as Juror No.10 who is fantastic as the furious and sickeningly bigoted blue collar "Joe" who takes every opportunity to spit his venom and bile to all around him.

Also, Juror No.11, played by Lee J Cobb in the film, and this time played



Cast members Martin Shaw, Robert Vaughn, Owen O'Neill, Miles Richardson, Luke Shaw, David Calvito, Martin Turner, Jeff Fahey, Paul Antony-Barber, Nick Moran, Robert Blythe and Edward Franklin in 12 Angry Men

with heart-rending passion by Martin Turner as the bitter and twisted self-appointed executioner who wants to vent all the rage from the disappointment of his own son on to the accused.

The tension builds as one by one Shaw voices his "reasonable doubts" and gradually makes the other jurors face their own faults and demons.

There are incredibly poignant moments which for such a serious

subject matter oddly elicited a great many laughs from the audience.

A slight hiccup was the dramatic moment with the flick knife – a crucial point – which Shaw fluffed slightly and lost its impact somewhat.

But overall an incredible performance from the entire cast. It runs until Saturday and is to have a run in London's West End

Danny Farragher

# Fiddler on roof and stage for a show with heart

Fiddler on the Roof,  
Wolverhampton Grand

CRAIG Revel Horwood's revival of a 1960s Broadway favourite has plenty of heart to go with the memorable melodies – and a star turn by Paul Michael Glaser as a Jewish milkman in Tzarist Russia with three daughters to marry off.

The Strictly Come Dancing judge is a most entertaining director and invests this tale of a Jewish community about to become evicted from their village with the right amounts of sentiment, poignancy and humour. Being a choreographer too, there are some impressive dance routines and the inevitable Revel Horwood flamboyance comes out in a delightful ghost scene with a floating operatic phantom.

Tradition

Paul Michael Glaser, who for many will forever be '70s TV cop icon Starsky, owns the stage as Teyve, the good-humoured and kind-hearted father who is torn between tradition and love for his strong-willed daughters, whose unsuitable suitors include a poor tailor, a revolutionary fire-brand and a gentile Russian.

The role sees the American actor come full circle. Near the start of his career he played the young rebel in the movie version of Fiddler, 42 years on he is the bearded old man. But he invests the role with integrity. His take on the best known song, If I Were A Rich Man, was a highlight.

There are lots of other good songs in Fiddler, including the haunting Sunrise Sunset and Matchmaker, a showcase for the three elder daughters, played superbly by Emily O'Keefe, Liz Singleton and Claire Petzal. Karen Mann also gives excellent support as Teyve's formidable wife Golde.

The unusual step of having actor-musicians who play instruments on stage works very well and gives this production a vibrant sound to go with the excellent house set by Diego Pitarch, complete with fiddler perched on the roof.

This production, which got a standing ovation, continues at the Grand until Saturday. It returns to the West Midlands for a run at Birmingham Hippodrome from March 11 to 15.

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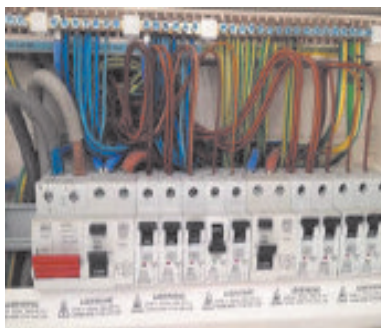
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## NEWS

# Baggies team-up to give mental health support



The Kaleidoscope Plus Group chief executive Monica Shafaq and Albion star midfielder Zoltan Gera mark the launch of the partnership

WEST Bromwich Albion has announced a borough mental health organisation as an official charity partner for this season.

The announcement of the partnership with Sandwell's The Kaleidoscope Plus Group was made on World Mental Health Day.

Representatives met with the club's chief executive Mark Jenkins to launch their partnership for 2013/2014 season and raise awareness of mental health conditions.

The charity, which is located inside Hawthorns House, provides help to patients across the Black Country by offering services such as therapy, counselling, residential support and training.

The Kaleidoscope Plus Group chief executive, Monica Shafaq, said she believes the partnership will be a great opportunity to raise awareness and promote positive well-being, as well as help tackle the issue of mental health in sport.

## Groundbreaking

She said: "This is a groundbreaking and exciting partnership for The Kaleidoscope Plus Group.

"It will help us reach a new audience in promoting positive wellbeing and tackling the stigma still attached to mental health.

"We are proud to be associated with such a great footballing institution as West Bromwich Albion.

"Like us, the club work really hard within the community to enrich and support the lives of residents, as well as supporters.

"I strongly believe this partnership will be another huge step in helping the people of Sandwell.

"We are all really looking forward to working with them and their supporters as we strive towards a common goal of promoting positive mental health."

West Bromwich Albion chief executive, Mark Jenkins, added: "We are delighted to have made The Kaleidoscope Plus Group one of our charity partners for the 2013/14 season."

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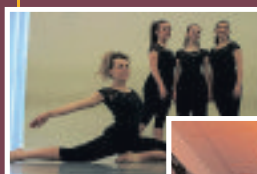


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**MALE** 41, honest, caring, seeks female, 18-55 for friendship, maybe more, must have GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407677**

**BLACK** guy 67, feels 50, looks 40, fit, active, seeks N/S, genuine, caring



NEWS

# Elderly targeted by con to hand over bank cards

**CONMEN** who are pretending to be police officers in order to trick people into handing over their bank cards and details to a fake 'courier' are targeting elderly people.

Three people are known to have been approached since the start of October prompting police to issue a warning to older people across Birmingham.

In all three crimes one of the tricksters has called claiming to be a Pc Miller based at Holborn police station in London and have even quoted a fictional police officer ID number of 3553 to convince victims they are genuine.

They have then told their victims that they have two men in custody and that they have found a cloned bank card containing their personal details. The man has then told them to contact their bank immediately in order to ensure that no money has been withdrawn from their account.

## Refused

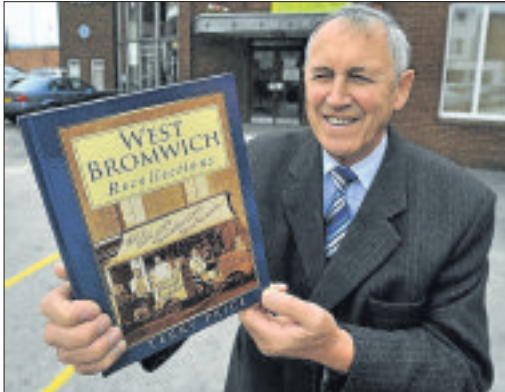
But the thieves jam the telephone, meaning that when the victims have called their bank, they have actually spoken to the same fraudster who called them in the first place. It means the target of the scam has unwittingly disclosed their bank details to the fraudster.

At this point, the offender has claimed to need the original bank card as evidence and has offered to send a 'courier' to the victim's address to collect it. Once this has been done, the cards have been used along with the PIN numbers to withdraw cash.

Despite three people being contacted in the West Midlands, two fraud-savvy pensioners refused to fall for the con and would not give their details.

Anyone who has been a victim of such cons should call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

## Terry launches next book



Terry Price with his book before it was officially launched on Saturday

A NEW book looking back at the history of West Bromwich has been launched by a prolific Black Country writer.

Author Terry Price has written seven books about West Bromwich and Great Bridge based upon years of tireless research carried out in libraries and at the homes of those who remember the towns before they changed.

His latest book, called *West Bromwich Recollections*, is a collection of more than 400 pictures collected from archives and submitted by local people who have read his previous books that have been

spread across a 192-page hardback book.

Mr Price, aged 74, said: "Ever since I was at school I've had a passion for history, and when I retired I found myself in a position to pursue my interest."

"Eventually I was asked by a publisher to write a book and have continued writing ever since."

The author met with Black Country historian Carl Chinn at the Wesley Methodist Church in High Street, West Bromwich on Saturday to launch his book and talk about the town.

## Adult Fiction

FOR skin-crawling terror, no one has surpassed Montague Rhodes James. In unforgettable tales such as *Oh Whistle and I'll Come To You My Lad*, *A View from a Hill* and *A Warning to the Curious*, the 19th century born Cambridge University academic perfected the ghost story.

James's horrors lurk in the shadows of ancient churches, in the pages of dusty books or even in the very sheets of your bed. His protagonists are often scholars, whose meddling in the past stirs a vengeful, implacable supernatural foe.

Another academic, Darryl Jones, has edited a new edition of *M.R. James: Collected Ghost Stories* (Oxford University Press, paperback, £8.99). Here are all 33 tales of terror. If you read them, be prepared for restless nights.

If you are partial to Downton Abbey and period ghost stories such as *The Others*, look no further than *The Uninvited Guests* by Sadie Jones (Vintage Books, paperback, £7.99).

It's 1912 and preparations are taking place above and below stairs for the 20th birthday of Emerald Torrington at the grand but crumbling Sterne House. So it comes as a major inconvenience when passengers involved in a rail accident arrive seeking shelter. As night falls and a storm rages, the Torrington family start to feel uneasy about their mysterious uninvited guests and not just because some of them may have come from third class.

## Children's Fiction

David Walliams is familiar to adults for his comic antics in Little Britain and Big School, but to the nation's children he is better known as a hugely popular author of cheeky irreverent stories much in the tradition of Roald Dahl. In his latest book chart-topper *Demon Dentist* (HarperCollins, hardback, £12.99) the tooth fairy has apparently been leaving slugs and spiders under pillows instead of the usual coin. Dentally-challenged young lad Alfie, who has decided magic does not exist, is reluctant to believe his friend Gabz when she warns him that new dentist, the terri-

fying Miss Root, is a witch. Walliams handles the comedy well but also touches on issues with an unpatronising frankness. And Miss Root is his nastiest villain yet.

**Haunted** (Oxford University Press, paperback, £6.99) by William Hussey is a tasty terror tale for teens. A pair of youngsters discover that the disturbing stories of strange goings-on in the town of Milton Lake are more than tall tales. Someone is using a Ghost Machine to conjure angry spirits back and they determine to stop them. This story from the Witchfinder author is worth checking out if you like Darren Shan and Ray Bradbury.

Ghosthunter Anthony Lockwood and Co have a last chance of redemption after another case goes wrong but it means the team – including new psychic investigator Lucy Carlyle – spending a night in the most haunted house in Britain. Bartimaeus author Jonathan Stroud's *The Screaming Staircase* (Doubleday, hardback, £12.99) is the start of an exciting new series for older children set in a Britain suffering an epidemic of ghosts.

Best-selling author of *The Spook's Apprentice*, Joseph Delaney, will leave plenty of ten and 11-year-olds yearning for the light to be left on after reading this spooky tale about the place they put the worst phantoms, *The Ghost Prison* (Andersen Press, hardback, £7.99). We join young guard Billy on his first night on duty and learn about the inmates. This book is short, 112 pages, and has fine spooky black and white illustrations. A perfect Halloween read for young readers.

## Non-fiction

Having grown up in a supposedly haunted house Roger Clarke developed an interest in the supernatural at an early age. In his *A Natural History of Ghosts: 500 Years of Hunting for Proof* (Particular Books, hardback, £20) he looks at ghostly encounters from psychological, historical and sociological perspectives, and calls upon a wealth of anecdotes.

Leon Burakowski



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# Transformations



Steven Burchell  
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LOVE is a second chance of romance, embracing life and sharing smiles – lots of them. For retired couple Gillian and John, sharing time together, enjoying holidays, meals out and trips to the theatre, life has opened an unexpected new chapter of happiness after they both lost their partners.

Their laughter is infectious and their zest for life inspirational. The widow and widower, both young 70-somethings, met at a mutual friend's golden wedding party and the rest, as they say, is history. But John didn't only discover a new soul mate, he also found a new patient for dentist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng).

Principal of the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, Steven says: "They're such refreshing company and I am thrilled they are so happy together."

"But I'm also pleased we were able to resolve a long-standing lower denture

problem for Gillian as well as create a lovely warm smile for her that suits her personality."

John recalls he was first to attend the Denture Clinic after spending nearly four years "perusing stories in the papers" about Steven's work.

Like many denture wearers he had encountered stabilisation problems with his lower denture as gums receded with the normal ageing process. "I knew I had to get something done because when I was driving my lower teeth could dance up and down," says John.

## Crunchy salads

Steven referred him to dental implantologist Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the dentist has long-standing professional relationship.

"I decided to go for an implant-retained over-denture which clips on to two fixings. I would never let anything stop me from enjoying a meal out before I had the implants, but things are great now. I can have steak, eat crunchy salads and feel

free to have anything off the menu," he says.

Gillian had endured a similar stabilisation problem for two years and was persuaded by John to see Steven because her dentures "were always loose."

Again an implant-retained over-denture was prescribed and Mr Pugh also rebuilt Gillian's upper front teeth with crowns. The results are obvious: Natural looking, functional teeth and an engaging smile.

"Previous dental treatment could never resolve my problems. If I ate out I'd have to order soft options," but I put up with it," says Gillian.

"We laugh a lot, smile a lot and enjoy life. This is my 'me' time," she adds.

And what of their experience at the Denture Clinic? "Steven is like family to us," says John.

Steven added: "By using implant-retained over-dentures we can guarantee to resolve stability issues. We prescribe and produce our dentures on the premises and it means I can be fastidious about quality."

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# What's On! Halesowen

## REVIEW

**Kim Lowings and The Greenwood Newhampton Folk Club, Wolverhampton**

ONE of the first things you notice about Black Country lass Kim Lowings is that behind the crystal clear tone and glass smoothness of her voice there is a lot more power waiting to be unleashed.

She uses her range effortlessly and never struggles on any of the notes as she goes through her set with The Greenwood, which is a musical collective based in Stourbridge.

The concert at the Newhampton Inn, Riches Street, Wolverhampton was really a set of two halves because, through no fault of their own, the band had to resolve the problem of a missing sound engineer.

### Uplifting

And while Tim Rogers, the percussionist with The Greenwood, did his best, what happened was that for the first part the instruments were a little overpowering and the dulcimer, which was centre stage with Kim, came over too strong.

Fortunately Kim has the kind of voice that could take on a jet engine and still hold her own but there is a lightness about both Kim's singing and the band's playing which is uplifting, even the more 'serious' songs still didn't have that 'heavy' feel to them such as Off to Sea which was essentially a war song.

The first offerings were folk, in the second part, the band moved towards the more traditional.

**DANNY FARRAGHER**

# True story of teacher facing prejudice and surly students

## Suede stay together for Bloodsports



Suede return with their first album in 11 years, *Bloodsports*, and a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on October 31

BRITPOP hipsters Suede bounced back in 2013 with their sixth album *Bloodsports*, their first since *A New Morning* 11 years before.

It has marked a return to form that ensures the comeback is more than mere 1990s nostalgia.

Brett Anderson and co will be back in action on a tour this month that

includes a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on Thursday, October 31.

It's part of a stellar line up at the city centre venue over the next couple of weeks which features former Sex Pistol John Lydon's Public Image Ltd (supported by The Selecter) on Sunday; highly-rated new band London Grammar on Wednesday; Fill

My Little World outfit The Feeling on October 26 in the venue's smaller 2

room, as 1990s favourites Travis play the main hall; and exciting young Nottingham singer-songwriter Jake Bugg hitting the venue like a Lightning Bolt on October 28 and 29, before completing his Birmingham Academy hat-trick on November 10.

**MATTHEW Kelly stars opposite Royal Shakespeare Company actor Ansu Kabia in a new stage adaptation of ER Braithwaite's *To Sir With Love* at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, October 22 to 26.**

TV presenter turned respected actor Matthew Kelly plays

the enlightened headmaster of a tough school in London's East End in 1948 who takes on a former RAF fighter pilot as a teacher. But some question his judgement because the former Cambridge graduate, played by Ansu Kabia, also happens to be black.

### Experiences

This touring production of Braithwaite's play has been adapted by East Is East writer Ayub Khan Din. It is the first in a new programme of work co-produced by Touring Consortium Theatre Company with the highly-rated Royal & Derngate Northampton.

Guyana-born Edward Ricardo Braithwaite had based *To Sir With Love* on his own experiences. It was made into a major film in 1967 starring Sidney Poitier and featuring the hit title song made famous by Lulu.

This new stage adaptation is peppered with the songs and dances of the late 40s, a time of hope and austerity.

If I Were A Rich Man



**Ansu Kabia and Matthew Kelly in *To Sir With Love*** musical Fiddler On The Roof, revived by Craig Revel Horwood and starring Paul Michael Glaser, is at the Grand until Saturday.

Theatrical blockbuster War Horse continues at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Maureen Lipman stars in poignant drama *Daytona* at Birmingham Rep from Monday to Saturday.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company pack all 37 Shakespeare plays into 97 minutes at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre on Saturday night.

## REVIEW

**The Upbeat Beatles, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton**

CLOSE your eyes and you could be there, the packed Cavern Club, the screaming girls, yes you've guessed it - Beatlemania.

But this was not back in the 60s but bang up to date and the 'Beatles' were playing instead to a jam-packed Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton with the audience lapping it up.

Bringing the Beatles' amazing journey to life, complete with film screen behind, were The Upbeat Beatles who, for one night only, during their nationwide tour brought the magic of the Fab Four to the city taking us through the story of the sound that changed a generation.

### Humour

With their own inimitable style and plenty of humour about the different relationships, marriages etc, they took us through the musical journey.

The concert started with Please, Please Me - which they did - and of course ended on the second encore with Hey Jude and the audience were all back up on their feet swaying.

They all looked the part - although 'John' was a bit on the heavy side - and had perfected the mannerisms.

'Paul' in particular had both the looks and in most of the songs the voice was spot on.

They promised to be back next year. Get your seats booked ready!

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## What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 19.10.13

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## CHOICE



Trevor Eve (right)

## Waking the Dead

**Drama, 9pm**  
This modern classic stars Trevor Eve as Detective Superintendent Peter Boyd. He is a troubled and volatile – but brilliant – police officer who's an expert at closing cold cases. Boyd heads up a crack squad of police investigators who reopen unsolved murder cases, using new technology to re-examine evidence that hopefully will lead to the killer. In the first episode, Boyd is approached by Marina Coleman a woman convinced her father's death in a car crash was neither an accident nor suicide, but something far more sinister.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 1.15 Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Including an interview with Christine Ohuruogu. 1.45 MotoGP. 2.45 Bargain Hunt. 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 5.40 Pointless Celebrities. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present another ballroom battle, as the couples aim to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard. The results are tomorrow at 7.15pm. 8.20 Atlantis. The trio stumble across an abandoned baby in the mountains, and when they take it back to the city they find themselves embroiled in a web of deadly secrets and lies. 9.05 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball. 9.15 Casualty. Rita lets her personal feelings cloud her judgement while spending a day with the paramedics, and Big Mac forms a connection with a destitute patient (Keith Barron). 10.05 BBC News: Weather. 10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Newcastle United v Liverpool and Manchester United v Southampton; National Lottery Update. 11.55 The Football League Show. 1.10 Weatherview. 1.15 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**6.00 Animal Park. (R) 7.00 Film: Carnival Story. (1954) 8.35 Film: The Lady Vanishes. (1938) 10.10 Reel History of Britain. (R) 10.40 The Life of Birds. (R) 11.30 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) 12.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking. 12.45 Film: Follow the Fleet. (1936) 2.35 Film: Shall We Dance? (1937) 4.20 Urban Jungle. 4.50 The House That £100K Built. (R) 5.50 Film: Count Arthur Strong. (R) 7.20 Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker – Natural World. Marine mammal reproduction expert Holley Muraco heads to the wilds of northern Alaska to learn more about walruses' behaviour and aid her attempts to breed the species in captivity. (R) 8.20 Sir David Frost: That Was the Life That Was. Stephen Fry tells the life story of David Frost, who died in August, featuring contributions by the TV host's three sons and friends including Ronnie Corbett and Michael Caine. 9.20 Frost on Satire. David Frost examines the power of political TV satire in the UK and America, featuring contributions from Rory Bremner, Ian Hislop, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell and Chevy Chase. (R) 10.20 The Sarah Milligan Slightly Longer Television Programme. Extended edition. With Dr Christian Jessen, John Bradley, Finn Jones and Kristian Nairn. 11.00 Film: Frost/Nixon. (2008) Fact-based drama, starring Frank Langella and Michael Sheen. 12.55 Film: Leaving. (2009) 2.15 This Is BBC Two. 5.30 Live MotoGP.**

## ITV

**6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Animals. (R) 7.10 Animals. (R) 7.15 Animals. (R) 7.25 Sooty. 7.35 Horrid Henry. (R) 7.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 8.15 Bottom Knockout Street. 8.30 Munch Box. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Saturday Cookbook. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.25 ITV News: Weather. 11.30 Surprise Surprise. (R) 12.30 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 1.15 Doc Martin. (R) 2.15 Catchphrase. (R) 3.00 Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace. (1999) 5.35 Regional Programme; Weather. 5.45 ITV News: Weather. 6.00 New You've Been Framed! 6.30 Fool Britannia. A psychic's abilities desert him in a Manchester theatre. 7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. With Alastair Stewart, Natasha Hamilton, Kim Woodburn and Keith Chegwin. 8.00 The X Factor. The aspiring pop stars perform modern love songs in the second live studio round, battling to win praise from the judges and support from viewers at home. Dermot O'Leary hosts. The results are tomorrow at 8pm. 10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Harry Redknapp, Gordon Ramsay, Fran Lampard, Julie Walters and Dizzee Rascal. 11.10 ITV News: Weather. 11.25 Take Me Out. A pilot, an abseiler, an entrepreneur and a surfer take part. (R) 12.20 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10 FIA GT Series. 7.05 VW Racing Cup. 7.30 River Rat Race Stockton. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 Heston's Chocolate Factory Feast. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.05 Come Dine with Me. Self-confessed control freak Mandy Gale hosts the final party on the Isle of Wight, certain her strong flavours and elaborate recipes will be enough to win the £1,000 cash prize. (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News. 7.05 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. The team tries to track down a mysterious woman who has single-handedly committed numerous high-stakes robberies, but her true identity spells trouble for Coulson. (R) 8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a London couple's project to transform an inefficient and uninspiring 1950s house into a sleek, modernist masterpiece. (R) 9.00 Film: Die Hard. (1988) A New York cop battles armed men who have taken over a Los Angeles skyscraper where his wife is working on Christmas Eve. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. 11.40 Film: The Way Back. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Ed Harris. 2.00 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.15 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.10 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)**

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Sluggerra. 11.00 The Dog Rescuers. (R) 11.30 Animal Maternity. (R) 12.30 Film: Columbo: Death Lends a Hand. (1971) 2.00 Film: Operation Crossbow. (1985) 4.15 Film: Operation: Daybreak. (1975) 6.30 Lost Heroes of World War One. The Battle of the Somme. (R) 7.00 WWT's Tunnels of Death: The Big Dig. Part two of two. A camera is sent more than 60ft down a German mineshaft. (R) 8.00 War Hero in My Family. Ann Widdecombe uncovers the story of her uncle and Quentin Willson finds out about his father, both of whom made valuable contributions during the course of the Second World War. Part of the Britain at War season. (R) 8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 Film: Pale Rider. (1985) A mysterious preacher with lethal gunfighting skills helps a mining community battle a ruthless landowner. Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Michael Moriarty. 11.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. An underground drag-racing group is linked to the deaths of two teenagers. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 Michaela's Wild Challenge. Michaela has her hands full with two chimps. (R) 4.20 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)**

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes**  
**7.15 Doctor Who 8.00 Top Gear**  
**9.00 MOBO Awards 2013 – Live**  
**11.05 Family Guy**  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00 Africa 8.00 Lost Kingdoms of Africa 9.00 Inspector Montalbano**  
**10.55 Frank Sinatra: The Voice of the Century – Arena Special**  
**ITV2**  
**4.00 Peter Andre: My Life 5.00 You've Been Framed! 5.30 Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) 7.20 Film: Hulk (2003) 10.05 The Xtra Factor 11.05 Celebrity Juice: X Factor Special**  
**ITV3**  
**2.45 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.45 A Touch of Frost 7.00 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Foyle's War 10.00 Bomb Girls 11.00 Wire in the Blood**  
**ITV4**  
**3.25 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) 6.00 Storage Wars 7.00 I Want That Car 8.00 Hornblower**  
**10.10 Film: Casino (1995) Crime drama, with Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. Including FYI Daily.**  
**Drama**  
**3.10 Lovejoy 4.10 The Lost World 5.40 Birds of a Feather**  
**7.40 Jonathan Creek. The unconventional sleuth investigates an alleged metamorphosis. 9.00 Waking the Dead. Feature-length episode of the crime thriller, with Trevor Eve. 11.25 Murphy's Law. Murphy investigates racism in the police. James Nesbitt stars.**  
**Film4**  
**3.15 Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970) 6.05 The Karate Kid (2010) 8.50 Captain Phillips Interview 9.00 Road to Perdition (2002) Depression-era gangster drama, starring Tom Hanks and Paul Newman. 11.15 Law Abiding Citizen (2009)**

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## SUNDAY'S TV 20.10.13

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## CHOICE



Juliet Aubrey (left)

## Catherine Cookson's The Moth Drama, 9pm

Based on the Catherine Cookson novels, Jack Davenport stars in a feature-length drama, set in north-east England at the turn of the 20th century. Robert Bradley, a young man of independent mind and spirit, leaves the shipyards to work in his uncle's furniture business but soon finds himself at odds with the old man. So he becomes a servant for the destructive Thormans. Whilst working at the house he falls for the lady of the house, Sarah (Juliet Aubrey). But in 1913 this romance can only lead to upset and disaster.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live 2013. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Ronnie's Animal Crackers. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Liffeline. **4.10** Songs of Praise. **4.45** The Great British Year. (R) **5.45** BBC News. Regional News. Weather.

**6.15** Countryfile. John Craven learns about the Norber Erratics – giant boulders in the Yorkshire Dales – and Ellie Harrison visits industrial sites-turned-nature reserves in Kent.

**7.15** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges.

**8.00** The Paradise. New series. Moray has been banished for jilting Katherine, but he is called back when the shop begins to struggle. However, he and Denise's happiness is short-lived.

**9.00** By Any Means. A crook kills an innocent bystander during a drug deal, only for M15 to offer him freedom if he gives up his terrorist connections – so the team tries to bring him down.

**10.00** BBC News. Regional News. Weather.

**10.25** Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur.

**11.15** MOBO Awards 2013 – Highlights. The best bits from the ceremony, held at the SSE Hydro in Glasgow.

**12.45** Weather. **12.50** BBC News.

## BBC2

**7.05** Film: The Velvet Touch. (1948) **8.40** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. **2.25** MotoGP. **4.00** Flog It! **5.00** The Flying Scotsman: A Rail Romance. (R)

**6.00** Great British Railway Journeys. (R)

**6.30** The Ginge, the Georgie and the Geek.

**7.00** The Great British Bake Off. The four semi-finalists face three French challenges, having to prepare three types of savoury canapés. Charlotte Royale desserts and opera cakes. (R)

**8.00** Dive WWII: Our Secret History. Jules Hudson presents the first of two documentaries following a diving team as they search for shipwrecks from the Battle of the Atlantic.

**9.00** The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors. Raghoe Omar examines why the empire finally collapsed. Last in the series.

**10.00** The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil stumble upon an assassination plot. (R)

**10.30** Q&A. Extended edition. With Jo Brand, Graham Linehan and Jimmy Carr.

**11.15** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Sara Cox hosts, with Iggy Azalea, Eliza Doolittle, Jake Humphrey and Matt Richardson. (R)

**11.45** Film: Glory Road. (2006) Fact-based sporting drama, starring Josh Lucas.

**1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Big Time Rush. **8.15** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.25** Film: Columbo: Swan Song. (1974)

**12.25** ITV News. Weather. **12.35** Inside the National Trust. **1.35** The X Factor. (R) **3.40** Fool Britannia. (R) **4.10** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.10** Downtown Abbey. (R)

**6.10** You've Been Framed! Footballing fun. (R)

**6.35** Regional Programme: Weather.

**6.45** ITV News: Weather.

**7.00** Surprise Surprise. A 10-year-old boy receives an invitation from Samuel L Jackson, Selena Gomez meets two of her biggest fans and Mark Wright delivers a thank-you to a long-time foster parent.

**8.00** The X Factor Results. The two least popular acts sing for survival.

**9.00** Downtown Abbey. An exciting opportunity for Alfred creates tension between Ivy and Daisy. Isabel appeals to Violet's sense of charity and Branson considers a new future for himself and baby Sybil.

**10.05** ITV News: Weather.

**10.20** Women Behind Bars with Trevor McDonald. (R)

**11.20** The Cube. A fitness instructor takes up the challenge. (R)

**12.15** The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** Ironman 2013. **6.35** The American Football Show. (R) **7.30** Cardiff Half Marathon. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** Film: Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging. (2008) **4.55** Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth. (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser.

**6.45** Channel 4 News.

**7.05** World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford explores strange weather associated with fire, meeting people who have been struck by lightning and examining the "tirenado". (R)

**8.00** Bigfoot Files. New series. Leading geneticist Bryan Sykes and presenter Mark Evans embark on a global quest to solve the riddle of mysterious creatures such as Yeti and Sasquatch.

**9.00** Homeland. Brody finds himself in an increasingly desperate situation and returns to his faith for guidance, while a mysterious man offers to help Carrie in Washington, DC.

**10.05** Was It Something I Said? Panel show, with guests Jason Manford and Romesh Ranganathan.

**10.40** Toast of London. New series. Comedy following the life of an eccentric actor, starring Matt Berry.

**11.10** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **12.10** Paddy's TV Guide. (R) **12.55** American Football Live. Indianapolis Colts v Denver Broncos (Kick-off 1.30pm). **4.45** Ironman 2013. (R) **5.15** SuperScribers. **5.30** Countdown. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Mio Mao. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Hana's Helpline. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Great Birmingham Run. **12.15** Jungle Babies. Tarsier Tails. (R) **12.45** Film: Are We There Yet? (2005)

**2.35** Film: Big Daddy. (1999) **4.20** Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. (2009)

**6.10** Royal Babies.

**7.05** 5 News Weekend.

**7.00** Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. (2003) Comic-book fantasy adventure, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage. Edited for language.

**9.00** Film: The Rock. (1996) An FBI chemical weapons expert and a jailed SAS veteran must break into Alcatraz to bring down a renegade general and his men. Action thriller, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage. Edited for language.

**11.40** Film: Highlander. (1986) Fantasy adventure, starring Christopher Lambert.

**1.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Atlantis **7.45** Top Gear Vietnam Special **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Sweat the Small Stuff **11.15** American Dad!

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Turner's Thames **8.00** Crossing England in a Punt: River of Dreams **9.00** The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Fabergé **10.00** Medieval Lives: Birth, Marriage, Death **11.00** Turner's Thames

**ITV2**  
**1.20** Coronation Street **4.25** You've Been Framed! **4.55** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **6.45** Film: Twister (1996) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Freshers **11.50** Tricked

**ITV3**  
**1.50** Jane Eyre **4.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.10** Film: Man About the House (1974) **7.00** Lewis **9.00** An Audience with Victoria Wood **10.10** Film: Gregory's Girl (1981)

**ITV4**  
**7.10** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00** Film: Serenity (2005) Sci-fi adventure, starring Nathan Fillion and Summer Glau. Daily. **11.20** Film: Sneakers (1992) Comedy thriller, starring Robert Redford.

**Drama**  
**1.00** Catherine Cookson's The Moth **6.00** Bergerac **7.00** Last of the Summer Wine **7.40** Lark Rise to Candleford **9.00** Catherine Cookson's The Moth

**Film4**  
**2.45** The Cat Returns (2002) **4.25** King Kong (1976) **7.00** X-Men (2000) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00** Terminator Salvation (2009) **11.15** The Omen (2006)

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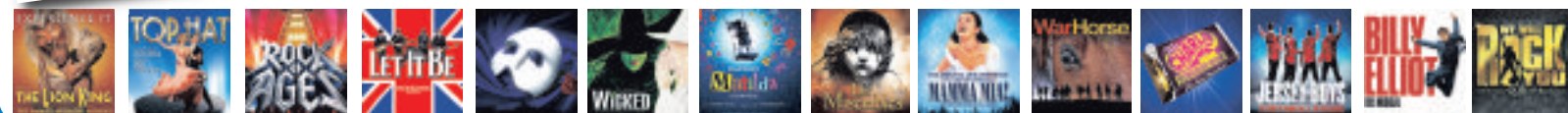
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## Film Choices

### MONDAY

#### Chaos, Channel 5, 11pm

A veteran cop and his inexperienced new partner are assigned to investigate a bank heist. At first sight, no money appears to have been stolen. However, it eventually emerges the criminal mastermind behind the robbery had a more complex and profitable scheme in mind – and a possible connection to the detective on his trail. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham. (2005)

### TUESDAY

#### A Simple Plan, BBC1, 11.20pm

Two brothers and a friend stumble on a fortune in unmarked small dollar bills in the wreckage of a plane and decide to squirrel it away for themselves. However, the strain of keeping the cache secret takes its toll as guilt, paranoia and greed change their relationship for ever. Sam Raimi's psychological thriller, starring Bill Paxton, Billy Bob Thornton and Bridget Fonda. (1998)

### WEDNESDAY

#### Is Anybody There?, BBC1, 11.35pm

A lonely 10-year-old boy lives in a building his parents have converted into an old people's retirement home. He initially resents having to share his life with the elderly residents, but when a retired magician comes to stay he strikes up an unlikely friendship and finds his life transformed. Drama, starring Michael Caine. (2008)



Basic Instinct, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

### THURSDAY

#### Wake of the Red Witch, Channel 4, 1.05pm

A ship owner and his embittered captain engage in a battle of wits as they fight for the love of the same woman and embark on a quest for a treasure chest of pearls hidden in the den of an octopus in the South Seas. Romantic seafaring adventure, starring John Wayne, Luther Adler, Gig Young and Gail Russell. (1949)

### FRIDAY

#### Basic Instinct, ITV, 10.35pm

A hard-drinking San Francisco cop investigates the case of a man murdered with an ice-pick, but his normally well-honed intuition starts letting him down as he falls for the sultry and manipulative chief suspect, the victim's girlfriend. Thriller from director Paul Verhoeven, starring Sharon Stone, Michael Douglas, George Dzundza and Jeanne Tripplehorn. (1992)

#### Halloween H20, BBC1, 11.50pm

Homicidal madman Michael Myers returns to stalk his original target, now an alcoholic teacher, 20 years after his first killing spree, and ends up terrorising a group of teenagers in a deserted school. Horror sequel, starring Jamie Lee Curtis, Janet Leigh, Josh Hartnett and Michelle Williams. (1998)

## Pick of the Week

# Cooking up more tasty treats for the judges

Let's hope that whoever came up with the format for The Great British Bake Off has got a cut of the profits from selling the show to other countries – because if they have, they'll be worth a packet.

It's been sold to around a dozen countries outside the UK, including France, Australia and Poland, with Finland and Holland the latest to jump on the bandwagon.

"We've seen broadcasters around the world put their own special twist on the format to great success, for example with the specialty cakes that are associated with different countries," says Elin Thomas at BBC Worldwide. "Baking is a tradition everyone can relate to so I have no doubt this brilliant format will only continue to win more fans around the world."

What's more, Dutch viewers will also get to see the UK version: "I'm very proud that we will broadcast this series in The Netherlands," explains Jan Slagter, CEO of the channel MAX. "We have a rich baking tradition, from Fries Suikerbrood (Fries sugar bread) to Brabantse worstenbroodjes (Brabantse sausage

rolls). We want to inspire our viewers, so that the whole country will start baking."

But for now, the only version we're interested in is the original, British one, because it's the week of the final.

Last year's final featured three men – Brendan Lynch, James Morton and John Whaite.

In a shock result, it was John who won. He'd been a bit of a steady Eddie throughout the run, always doing okay without pulling up any trees, and simply made fewer mistakes than his fellow competitors in the last programme, which gave judges Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood no option but to crown him the winner.

This year it will be very different – not least because the last remaining bloke, English teacher Glenn Cosby, bowed out of the competition in week seven.

Since then, it's been the women fighting it out, but in the nicest possible way, of course. They all clearly want to win, but obviously feel a tad guilty when they see one of

their friends knocked out of the competition.

Last week, Welsh wonder Beca, stylish Frances, ever-smiling Kimberley and doe-eyed Ruby set out to impress by baking the perfect savoury canapés, charlotte royals and opera cake.

As usual there were tears, smiles and yelps of frustration. Expect something similar here, but with 100 times the stress added, in this week's grand finale.

As ever, Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins attempt to mop their furrowed brows.

Janice Hadlow, controller of BBC2, can't wait for the programme either – or, no doubt, to see the ratings figures once they come in: "I'm absolutely thrilled by the phenomenal success of Great British Bake Off – all the ingredients of record ratings, a worthy winner, the expertise of Mary and Paul, wonderful presenters Mel and Sue and a brilliant series put together by Love productions plus of course all those irresistible cakes have come together to make a very special programme for BBC2."



The Great British Bake Off – The Final, Tuesday, BBC2, 8pm

## Best of the Rest

### MONDAY

#### Health Freaks

##### Channel 4, 8.30pm

Many doctors are baffled by patients who are turning to the web for alternatives to conventional treatments, and are getting to hear of more and more extraordinary 'miracle' home remedies. But do any of these cures work? That's what Dr Pixie McKenna, Dr Ellie Cannon and Dr Ayan Panja are keen to find out. In this new series, the docs are on the lookout for simple, safe and scientifically convincing health solutions. If any of the applicants can convince the GPs that there might be something in their remedy, it will be put forward for a trial or test. First in to see the doctors are builders Simon and Andy, who believe WD-40 could be a quick fix for arthritis.

### TUESDAY

#### CSI: New York – The Penultimate Episode

##### Channel 5, 9pm

So, that's almost it then. After nine years, the second spin-off from Jerry Bruckheimer's slick series is almost at an end. This week, the Big Apple-centric saga bows out with a double bill marking the final appearance of Detectives Mac Taylor and Danny Messer. There's no shortage of variety in the penultimate episode: three separate murders on Valentine's Day. The CSIs are called to investigate when a diabetic man dies from eating 2lbs of chocolate, a company boss is killed at an outdoor farmers' market while on the way to meet his soon-to-be ex-wife, and the demise of a man in a hotel room also leaves the experts with their hands full. Look out for a guest appearance from Josh Groban as himself.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Father Figure

##### BBC1, 10.35pm

It seems stand-up and panel show appearances aren't enough for today's comedians, and more and more of them are getting their own sitcoms. Jason Byrne's offering, Father Figure, has not been universally well received, but we reckon that's got more to do with the odd timeslot than anything else – despite its late hour, it's actually a nice, innocent slice of fun. Those who have stuck with it so far, though, will need little encouragement to tune in for this final edition. It finds the family in shock, as Elaine announces she could be having another baby, and Tom is aghast. But it could be a false alarm – after all, the only one gaining weight and developing strange food cravings is him.

### THURSDAY

#### No Sex Please, We're Japanese

##### BBC2, 9pm

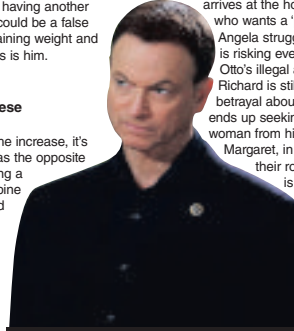
With the world's population on the increase, it's surprising to learn that Japan has the opposite problem: various factors, including a rapidly declining birth rate, combine to mean that its population could shrink by as much as a third in just 40 years. But just why are the Japanese having fewer babies? In the first of three documentaries exploring global population trends for the The World strand, Anita Rani heads to the country to explore the otaku culture, which describes

an obsession with computer games, manga and anime. With a growing number of young people, particularly males, spending more and more time immersed in these self-confessed 'geeky' pastimes, some are withdrawing from the dating game entirely. But is it a substitute for the real thing?

### Breathless

#### ITV, 9pm

This 1960s-set hospital drama is certainly aptly named – it's left us open-mouthed and short of breath on many an occasion. This week, as Jean arrives at the hospital with a patient who wants a 'private' procedure, Angela struggles to believe her sister is risking everything to assist with Otto's illegal activities. Meanwhile, Richard is still hurting from his wife's betrayal about the miscarriage, and ends up seeking out a glamorous woman from his past by the name of Margaret, in the hope of rekindling their romance. And Elizabeth is growing tired of Chief Inspector Mulligan's interference, so she hits upon the idea of arranging to meet him, with the hope of getting him off her case once and for all. Jack Davenport and Natasha Little star.



CSI: New York – The Penultimate Episode, Tuesday, Channel 5, 9pm

### FRIDAY

#### Marvel's Agents of SHIELD

##### Channel 4, 8pm

It was a question on many Marvel fans' lips: once showrunner Joss Whedon handed the writing and directing reins on Agents of SHIELD over to other folks, could they sustain the level of hip, witty brilliance that made the pilot so engaging? Well, there have been times when Agents of SHIELD has been a tad disappointing, but it's still one of the best imports of recent years. This week, Phil Coulson and his cohorts are Asia-bound, where they hope to save a young man with an unusual and dangerous power. Could an elusive girl in a floral dress hold the key to the mystery? Clark Gregg is as good as ever, while fine support comes from Ming-Na Wen, Chloe Bennet and Brett Dalton.

#### TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks

##### Channel 5, 9pm

Channel 5 is rather fond of countdown shows, and the broadcaster is giving us another chance to see one that focuses on magic tricks. The problem with magic is that these days, there are so many hi-tech advances being made, a lot of people can either work out how they've been done, or are more impressed by something they can whip up on their laptop at home. Nevertheless, there are a handful of tricks that do stand the test of time, and those are the ones that concern us here. Contributions come from Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee, Penn and Teller, Dick and Dom, Stephen Mulhern, Joe Pasquale and new magic wunderkind Dynamo.

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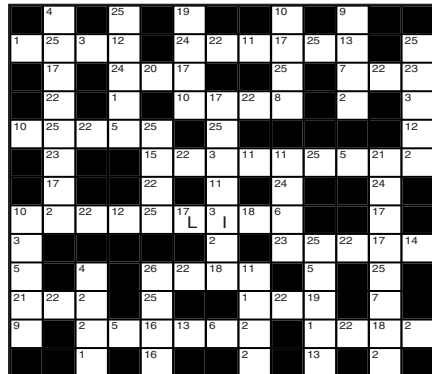
# Puzzler

## Brain Gym

No.243

### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Y	B	S	W	F	P	V	C	K	I	Z	R	E
A	X	O	H	G	D	L	U	Q	M	T	N	J

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

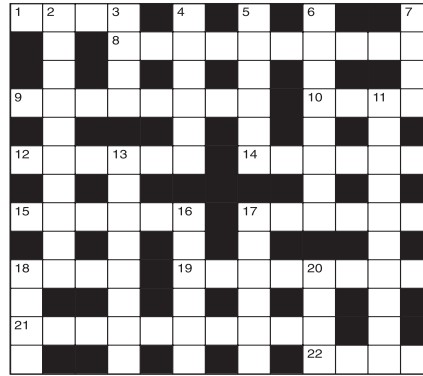
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

1. Store between 180 and 270 degrees (4)
8. Knocked down and defeated (10)
9. What the bride says afterwards won't be in church! (8)
10. Quietly act on an agreement (4)
12. Possibly go over a rut (6)
14. Side-tracks to avoid the back street (6)
15. Cause a disturbance a little way behind the breakwater (6)
17. Contract concerning Mussolini (6)
18. Farm product from the vale (4)
19. Tactful fellow (8)
21. There are terms for this (10)
22. Rush in three directions at once! (4)

#### Down

2. Offer nothing but solicitous affection? (6,4)
3. It's used to make garments, but not the cotton variety (4)
4. Bench to determine an issue (6)
5. Goes hunting, we hear, for birds (6)
6. Offer for money (8)
7. It makes fast speed at sea (4)
11. Child's play for those who like pulling strings (4,6)
13. Forget how to take charge (8)
16. An early walk (6)
17. Mend a broken rapier (6)
18. Pole enters by way of a special permit (4)
20. Finished and left (4)



### Quick Clues:

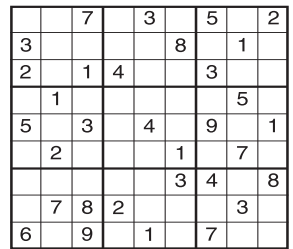
#### Across

1. Jot (4)
8. Silence by surprise (6,4)
9. Agreeable (8)
10. Performs (4)
12. Rub out (6)
14. Took notice (6)
15. Protects (6)
17. A planet (6)
18. Serpents (4)
19. Wins back (8)
21. Honest (5,5)
22. Transmit (4)

#### Down

2. Crawling (2,3,5)
3. A continent (4)
4. Lubricate (6)
5. Drawing (6)
6. Nearby (8)
7. Recedes (4)
11. Moscow citadel (3,7)
13. Rough (8)
16. Writer (6)
17. Gregarious (6)
18. Sad to say (4)
20. Joins (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

2	7	9	6	8	1	3	5	4
1	5	3	2	7	9	6	4	8
6	8	4	5	1	3	9	2	7
4	9	1	8	6	2	7	5	3
7	3	2	1	9	5	8	6	4
8	6	5	4	3	7	2	9	1
5	1	6	3	2	8	4	7	9
9	4	8	7	5	6	1	3	2
3	2	7	9	4	1	5	8	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
 CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Toast; 8 Opulent; 9 Ailment; 10 Blind; 12 Spirit lamp; 15 Tie-on label; 18 Notch; 19 Iced; 21 Arsenic; 22 Tempo. Down: 1 Straighten; 2 Habit; 3 Sty; 4 Porter; 5 Sunbathe; 6 Decimal; 11 Depression; 13 Pendant; 14 Dentist; 16 Apiece; 17 Flame; 20 Into. QUICK - Across: 7 Moist; 8 Compute; 9 Abysmal; 10 Heart; 12 Oppression; 15 Amateurish; 18 Evoke; 19 Retract; 21 Council; 22 Rouse. Down: 1 Immaculate; 2 Sibyl; 3 Stern; 4 Ocular; 5 Emphasis; 6 Lunatic; 11 Tongue-tied; 13 Pretence; 14 Baroque; 16 Rarely; 17 Vague; 20 Tire.

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3	52 OTTLETON ROAD, STICHPORD, BIRMINGHAM B33 8BJ	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£115,000-£120,000	36	620A BRISTOL ROAD SOUTH, NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, B31 2JR	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£50,000-£59,000
4	5 HEATHFIELD ROAD, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B14 7BT	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£90,000-£99,000	37	482 WARWICK ROAD, TIGLEY, BIRMINGHAM, B11 2NP	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£225,000-£255,000
5	UNIT 51, DARLASTON CENTRAL TRADING ESTATE, WEDNESBURY, WEST MIDLANDS, WS10 0BE	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£25,000-£30,000	38	16 BEECH GROVE, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, B14 4QH	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£80,000-£90,000
6	111 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDURY, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 0BS	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£100,000-£105,000	39	23 FINCH ROAD, TIGLEY, WEST MIDLANDS, D17 2SD	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£60,000-£72,000
7	2 WINDSOR ROAD, STROCHLEY, BIRMINGHAM, B30 3DD	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£70,000-£79,000	40	3 LOCK UP GARAGES, 10 LARCH GREEN LANE, REDWAL, BIRMINGHAM, B45 9BU	Freehold/Garages	£18,000-£19,000
8	17 STOCKTON COURT, RADON STREET, BLUSTON, WEST MIDLANDS, WY4 9SF	Leasehold/Vacant Residential	£25,000-£29,000	41	GARAGE, 100 RICHMOND ROAD, CONVENT, CV4 5AX	Freehold/Garage	£34,000-£38,000
9	165 SHARPLEY ROAD, WINDCHURCHWOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B35 3JF	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£86,000-£91,000	42	FOR 27 MEDINA ROAD, TIGLEY, BIRMINGHAM, B11 3DA	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£2,500-£3,000
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11	35 BURNTON ROAD, DOULEY WEST MIDLANDS, DY1 0ST	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£70,000-£79,000	44	FOR 6 CASTLE CLOSE, 17A 18 ANDOVER CLOSE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, B77 3EL	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£6,000-£9,000
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13	48-50 BRIDGE STREET, COSSLEY BLSTON, WEST MIDLANDS, WY4 8BH	Commercial Investment	£20,000-£25,000	46	FOR 10, 12, 14 & 15 SHERRIDGE AVENUE, WILKESVILLE, B77 3EL	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£10,000-£13,000
14	FORMER JCB CENTRE, 70-71 PIPLOD STREET, WALSALL, WS10 8TB	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£100,000-£110,000	47	43, 45, 47 & 49 ST. BLAISE AVENUE, WATER ORTON, BIRMINGHAM, B46 1HT	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£13,000-£16,000
15	61 DURNHAM ROAD, SPINNAHL, BIRMINGHAM, B11 4LD	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£100,000-£110,000	48	6, 30, 46, 48 & 52 BELMONT ROAD, WILKESVILLE, TAMWORTH, STAFFS, B77 3EH	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£13,000-£16,000
16	120 SMALL HAYES, 20 TIGLEY LANE, PUGHSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE, CV8 1BW	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£150,000-£175,000	49	FOR 15, 25, 27, 30 & 32 BELMONT ROAD, WILKESVILLE, TAMWORTH, STAFFS, B77 3EH	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£13,000-£16,000
17	THE HIPPOLETT, 10 MARKET SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE, WY4 4BP	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£250,000-£280,000 - WOT	50	93B STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON, CAMBRO, STAFFORDSHIRE, WS12 0AA	Freehold/Vacant Commercial	£20,000-£24,000
18	7 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, BLOWICK, WALSALL, WS3 2EY	Freehold/Vacant Commercial Investment	£75,000-£80,000	51	188 FORKHOUSE ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON, WY10 9BQ	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£40,000-£54,000
19	9 NEWMAN ROAD, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS, D14 0EN	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£94,000-£99,000	52	12 CRICKER CLOSE, OLDURY, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 1SF	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£46,000-£52,000
20	41 PINEHILL DRIVE, WOLVERHAMPTON, WY1 2NE	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£80,000-£74,000	53	46 WALSALL ROAD, LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE, WS12 8AF	Freehold/Vacant Residential	£170,000-£180,000
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If possible, move the containers against a sheltered wall or close to a building to provide extra protection. Raise the containers on to pot feet or bricks to avoid them sitting in the wet, which can lead to root rotting and cracking of terracotta pots.

**Topical tip:** Although it's easy to forget about patio planters at this time of year, keep an eye on all container plants to make sure the compost doesn't dry out.

Check the compost and try to keep it evenly moist, without drying out or becoming waterlogged.

### Lawns:

This is not a major time of year for lawn care, but a little attention now will pay dividends in the spring.

Depending on the weather, the grass may still be growing, so you may still need to mow the lawn.

Raise the height of cut slightly higher than that for summer, since the grass grows more slowly during autumn.

Mowing when the grass needs it will help the lawn to withstand the last of any warm, dry weather and help resist treading when the cold and wet weather arrives. But don't mow when the grass is wet or frozen.

Remove fallen leaves off the lawn before they block out light and air penetration to the grass, which can cause the grass to die.

On large lawns, a powered leaf collector will make the job much easier or remove them using the lawnmower with the blades set at their highest cutting height. This will make it easier than raking and will chop them into smaller pieces that can be added to the compost heap.

**Topical tip:** Casting worms are often active at this time of year. Sweep away any worm casts to prevent them becoming seed beds for weed seeds to germinate.



A little time spent of the lawn now can pay dividends in spring

# Weather eye will tell if your veg needs lifting

**THERE is nothing more satisfying than growing your own vegetables**

Most root vegetables can be left in the ground and gathered as and when you need them. But in case a cold spell prevents harvesting or even damages them, some can be lifted and stored in a cool, frost-free shed; only store sound, healthy roots.

Celeriac and turnips are especially frost sensitive, so should be lifted and stored. Carrots left in the ground will benefit from an insulating covering of straw or similar material under plastic sheeting. Parsnips produce sweeter roots if exposed to mild frosts.

Sow overwintering broad beans in mild regions. Covering the soil and young plants with fleece or cloches will provide insulation in colder areas, as well as protection from pigeons.

It may be better to sow them in small pots or cell trays and then plant out the young plants when they've grown on - cloche protection may be needed in exposed and cold regions.

### Mature

Garlic cloves can be planted out in mild areas in good, free-draining soil. In other areas, they can be started in small pots or cell trays and planted out when more mature.

If you want some fresh, tasty salad crops, radishes, mustard, cress winter lettuces and cut-and-come-again salad crops can be sown in growing-bags in a greenhouse or in pots or troughs on a sunny windowsill.

**Topical tip:** Stake Brussels sprout plants to prevent them being blown over in strong winds.

### Fruit

Now's the perfect time to plant all new fruit trees, bushes and canes. The soil will still be quite warm, and the roots of new plants will benefit from this. This is particularly important for peaches and nectarines. Make sure the soil is well prepared with plenty of organic matter - such as well-rotted manure, compost, composted bark or



In mild areas garlic bulbs can be planted into free draining soils

Levington Rose, Tree & Shrub Compost. Mix in more organic matter with the soil dug out from the planting hole.

Always plant at the same depth that the plant was originally growing and firm the soil around the roots.

Trees will need to be staked with a good tree stake and secured with two tree ties.

After planting, mulch the soil around fruit trees and bushes with a 5-7.5cm (2-3in) thick layer of Levington Water Saving Decorative Bark or Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Decora-

tive Pine Bark to help keep weeds down and maintain soil moisture levels in spring and summer.

Take hardwood cuttings of blueberries, currants, gooseberries, figs and grape vines; only use healthy, virus-free plants.

**Topical tip:** Move tender citrus trees into a frost-free greenhouse or conservatory for the winter and reduce watering to keep the compost relatively dry.

Switch to a citrus winter feed and apply regularly as recommended on the container.

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A very well presented mid terrace house on a popular road, with a local bus stop right outside. This large home features 2 good size double bedrooms and 1 large single bedroom, 2 good size reception rooms, large fitted kitchen, bathroom with a shower. Benefits include gas central heating, double glazing, rear garden. On road parking or parking to the rear.



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Beautifully presented and in the centre of Halesowen. A top floor unfurnished apartment which has modern decoration and set in a cul-de-sac features 2 good size bedrooms, modern kitchen with washing machine, spacious lounge, lovely bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. An opportunity not to be missed!



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A fully refurbished ground floor apartment having spacious lounge, refitted kitchen with integrated electric oven and hob, 3 bedrooms, refitted bathroom and newly fitted carpets. The apartment has a garage and gardens to front and rear, full double glazing and gas central heating.



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Located in the centre of Wordsley and ideal for local buses to Stourbridge and Merry Hill. Featuring gas central heating, spacious living room, fitted dining kitchen, 2 bedrooms, en-suite shower room to master bedroom, house bathroom, rear garden, driveway parking.



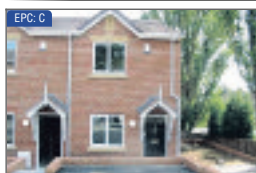
**HALESOWEN, Hope Street£525 pcm**  
A fully refurbished ground floor apartment, set in a quiet and popular cul-de-sac. This property features a large lounge, refitted kitchen with electric hob and oven, 2 double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with shower. The apartment has double glazing, newly fitted electric heating, garage and rear garden.



**OLDSWINFORD, Heath Lane£515 pcm**  
Ideally located in the centre of Oldswinford for shops, transport links and Mary Stevens Park. This large and spacious end terrace house features 3 good size bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, downstairs bathroom, upstairs toilet, fitted kitchen, enclosed rear garden and on road parking.



**HALESOWEN, Banners Street£495 pcm**  
A mid terrace property which has been refurbished comprises of 2 double bedrooms, brand new fitted kitchen, 2 reception rooms, white bathroom suite with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, large tiered garden with decking area, on road parking.



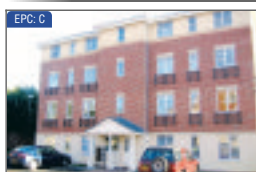
**UPPER GORNAL, Tudor Vale£475 pcm**  
Situated at the end of the cul-de-sac. This unfurnished end mews house features gas central heating, nicely decorated and carpeted living room, fitted dining kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, rear garden, parking space.



**NETHERTON, Round Street£475 pcm**  
Set in a quiet road, is this lovely semi-detached home. Featuring gas central heating, living room, fitted kitchen, 1 double and 1 single bedroom, bathroom with shower, rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars, unfurnished. Popular residential street close to Netherton High Street.



**BRIARLEY HILL, Little John Street£450 pcm**  
Located within walking distance to Briarley Hill and Merry Hill. This unfurnished modern end mews house features 2 double bedrooms, gas central heating, fitted kitchen, downstairs w.c., spacious living room, bathroom with shower, rear garden, off road parking for 2 cars.



**CRADLEY HEATH, Elbow Street£440 pcm**  
A wonderfully furnished 1st floor apartment within walking distance to Old Hill shops and train station. This property comprises a light and airy living room, fitted kitchen with white goods, 2 double bedroom, and bathroom with shower. Benefits include electric storage heating, communal gardens, allocated parking.



**HALESOWEN, Leasowes Court£385 pcm**  
An unfurnished 1st floor flat within walking distance to Halesowen. Having undergone a complete re-decoration and new carpets throughout this apartment features a lovely living room, fitted kitchen, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower. Benefits include allocated parking, communal gardens, electric heating.



**HALESOWEN, Netherland Lane£380 pcm**  
Well presented throughout. This unfurnished ground floor apartment is within walking distance to Cradley Heath Train Station and the Town Centre. This apartment comprises of a modern fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, bathroom with shower, 1 bedroom with built in wardrobes, en block garage.

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# Motoring



Figures show that the '13' plate has been the best selling six month period for new car sales in five years

## Bumper sales send an upbeat message

THE '13' registration number has proved lucky for new car sales in the UK as it has been the best selling six-month period in nine registration plate changes.

From March 1 to the end of August, the number of 13-plate cars sold totalled 1,115,459 in the UK to make this the most successful new car sales period in five years.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, which compiles new car sales information, says this bodes well

for the 63-reg that began on September 1. It reckons more the £6 billion will be spent on new cars in the six months from September 1 to the end of February 2014.

"We have seen a strong performance from the new car market throughout 2013, with the number of cars registered increasing in July for the 17th successive month," said Mike Baunton, SMMT interim chief executive.

"Now we have evidence of consistent growth, we have raised our forecast for 2013 new car registrations to 2.216

million units, an increase of over eight per cent on last year," he added.

"In line with this positive trend, we expect the new 63 plate to be very successful and for September registrations to provide a similar peak to that seen in March."

March is typically the month for the highest number of registrations, with September coming a close second. More than a third of annual registrations occur in March and September combined, with the other months typically accounting for 6.5 per cent of the annual total.



The 513bhp Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet has a top speed of 197mph and costs £126,766

## New Porsche power player revealed ahead of LA show

THE new Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet has been revealed ahead of its launch at the Los Angeles Motor Show.

The model takes a largely familiar format to models that have gone before it, but this time the German firm's releasing two Turbo models at the same time.

The 513bhp Turbo Cabriolet will be the entry point to the forced-induction 911 duo, starting at £126,766 before options. Thanks to four-wheel drive, it can sprint from 0-62mph in 3.5 seconds - 0.3 seconds slower than its coupe counterpart.

It shares a 197mph top speed and a fuel economy average of 28.5mpg with the more powerful Turbo S model, which completes the industry-standard launch to 62mph in just

3.2 seconds. It does, however, cost £149,511, which takes account of some improved interior appointments and upgraded features over the Turbo.

The two new 911s have been built with a new, wider bodysheet that adds 28mm to the overall width at the rear wheels compared to the widest current 911. Previously, Turbo models have used the Carrera 4's already widened shell. Both new models share the same roof, which uses a new design of folding mechanism to better mimic the shape of the 911 coupe's silhouette.

As before, the electric mechanism can be raised and lowered at up to 31mph, with this iteration taking a brisk 13 seconds to switch between either position.

More details will be revealed closer to the models' debut at the LA Show in November.

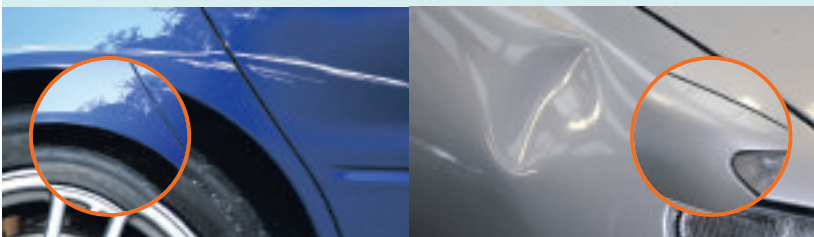
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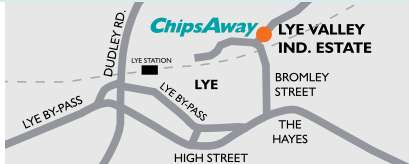
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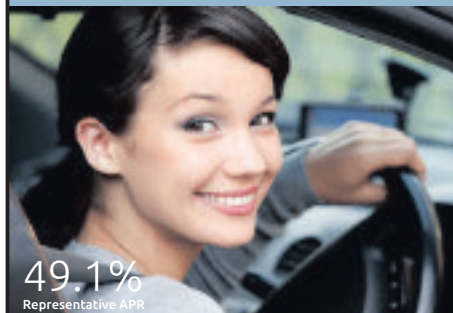
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The first car from Qoros, the 3 saloon, has scored an impressive five-star Euro NCAP result

## New Chinese marque is proving to be a safe bet

FLEDGLING Chinese car brand Qoros has scored an impressive five-star Euro NCAP result with its first car, the 3 saloon.

Bolstering a 95 per cent score in the long-established adult occupant protection and an 87 per cent awarded for child passenger protection is an excellent 77 per cent for pedestrian protection – a high score in what is a developing category.

The 95 per cent is, according to Qoros, the highest adult occupant protection score awarded by Euro NCAP in 2013, and has helped the brand

achieve its status as the first Chinese-based manufacturer to produce a five-star car in the notoriously challenging crash test regime.

Volker Steinwascher, vice-chairman of Qoros, said: "The safety of our vehicles was one of our key development goals from the start. It's a crucial demonstration that our customers are the most important consideration and it also says a great deal about the engineering integrity of the car as a whole."

Andy Piper, chief engineer of vehicle safety and homologation explains: "The 2013 Euro NCAP protocol

demands very accurate computer simulations when calculating the pedestrian protection performance. As industry standard pedestrian models were not sophisticated enough for this purpose, Qoros developed its own models.

"The outcome is that we are proud to have developed one of the best pedestrian protection systems ever assessed by Euro NCAP without any compromise to our distinctive styling or our class-leading aerodynamics performance."

## Check your tyre tread and stay safe on the roads

**By David Banner**

**THE weather's turning and leaves are falling, and while it's never the most popular of subjects, tyre safety is paramount during the colder and wetter months.**

Unfortunately, many drivers pay scant regard to tyre safety, as I experienced myself on returning to my car just a few days ago.

I spotted a very common sight these days – a very bald tyre. Not on my car, of course, but on the worn out-looking Peugeot parked next to me.

It was clearly illegal, and verging on downright dangerous. I wondered whether to leave a note, and also whether my advice would be met by thanks or otherwise.

Just then the owner of the Peugeot arrived. She got in and began to reverse away – and I noticed a child's car seat in the back. That was reason enough to intervene.

**Politest**

I approached her open passenger window and asked, in the politest and most non-confrontational tone I could muster, if she knew she had a bald front tyre. "No, I didn't", came the friendly and receptive reply. I wondered if she'd noticed why it took three quarters of a mile to stop from 30mph in the wet.

**Illegal**

"It's really quite bad, definitely illegal and that's three points if you get caught," I said. Keen to avoid giving a lecture, I tried to frame it in a legal way to inject a sense of urgency. She thanked me and promised to get it looked at, before driving off.

Of course, what I'd really wanted to say was that, with a tyre in that condition, she was putting her own life, that of her family and other road users at a huge risk.

Stopping distances increase dramatically with worn tyres. Research by Continental Tyres has shown that tyres with less than 3mm of tread have dramatically reduced grip, never mind something approaching a racing slick. In wet weather a worn tyre is much more susceptible to aquaplaning and, as anyone who's experienced it will know, once that happens you just have to sit back and wait for the grip to come back.

We all have a responsibility to drive in a manner that keeps us and our own passengers safe, and is mindful of



**Worn tyres cause accidents, especially in poor weather**

other road users, but arguably there's an even greater requirement to ensure that our cars are fit for purpose too. There may be a wide range of driving abilities on the road, but the one relative constant is the ability and safety of the modern car. It's our greatest safety asset and is therefore worth keeping that way.

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(TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) 2013

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 45 and 46 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, has made the following Order:-

1. Introduced Residents Only Parking At Any Time in Summerfield Avenue, West Bromwich.
2. Introduced Residents Only Parking At Any Time Except Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 1 hour No Return Within 2 hours in part(s) of Oak Road and Barton Street, West Bromwich.
3. Introduced a Residents Only Parking Bay Except 30 minutes No Return Within 1 hour on the northern side of Oak Road near its junction with Ions Road, West Bromwich.
4. Introduced Residents Only Parking Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm in part of Beeches Road, Rowley Regis.
5. Introduced or extended the amount of 'No Waiting At Any Time' in part(s) of Oak Lane, Acorn Close, Lodge Road, Oak Road, Cambridge Street and Emily Street, West Bromwich.

The Order was made on 15th October 2013, and will come into operation on 21st October 2013. The Council has decided to defer a decision in respect of its proposals to impose a residents parking scheme in Causeway, Rowley Regis, details of which were published on 25 July 2013.

A copy of the Draft Order, a statement of reasons for making the Order and maps showing the roads affected may be examined at the offices of the Area Director of Street Scene, Sandwell Council House, Fresh Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE between the hours of 8am - 5.30pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8am - 5pm on Fridays. Plans are also available to view on the council's website.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the ground that a requirement of the Act or that any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within 6 weeks from 17th October 2013, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Dated this 17th day of October 2013

S Handley, Area Director Street Scene

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**LUCY ELIZABETH SELBY (Deceased)**

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## Gold haul as karate club has good day

A TEAM of martial art players have returned from a competition with a haul of gold medals.

Birmingham and Halesowen Shotokan Karate Club travelled to the Ippon Ken Karate competition in Buckinghamshire.

Halesowen took away gold in nearly every category they entered, including winning the men's team category.

Richard Amuzu (3rd Dan) and Jason Elliman were part of the team which beat the Ippon Ken team.

The Women's Individual Kumite brought another gold for BHSHK.

Melissa Daly (3rd KYU) earned a hard-fought victory.

Youngster Daniel Eccles (Shodan) earned the Outstanding Contribution of the Day, winning three golds.

There were also junior white belt competitions and displays from Halesowenian Sue Hession (3rd Dan) and Austin Birks (4th Dan), who showed their advanced kata Nijushihō and Hangetsu.

Fellow Halesonian 3rd Dan Matt Russell, performed black belt kata Bassai Dai.

## Amalfitano agent says he's staying

MORGAN Amalfitano's agent has told Italian clubs eyeing the Albion sensation that he is going nowhere.

The on-loan Marseille wide man is described as 'very happy' at the Baggies.

Agent Ludovic Pattizzo has told both Roma and Juventus, who have been linked to Amalfitano, that it is 'impossible' for them to sign him in January.

Reports in the Italian media this week claimed Turin-based Serie A giants Juventus could compete for Amalfitano's signature, if not in January, then when his Albion loan stint ends in the summer.

Baggies head coach Steve Clarke is keen to hang on to the 27-year-old midfielder, who has been a big hit in a transformed Albion side, scoring against Manchester United in the historic 2-1 victory.

His performances have also attracted the attention of giants Roma, who sit top of Serie A with seven straight wins.

# Underhill overjoyed as she scores five

### Bournville Ladies 0 Barford Tigers Ladies 8

TIGERS maintained their 100 per cent league record this season and consolidated their position at the top of the table when they visited Bournville at the weekend.

They started the game on the front foot putting Bournville under pressure from the start with Sarah Skidmore and Leanne Homer both going close to opening the scoring within the first five minutes.

Tigers went ahead when Laura Underhill was released by Charn Gill and drew the home keeper out

and calmly lifted the ball over her into the empty net.

Underhill quickly made it 2-0 when she picked up a pass from Stacey Nash inside the D and slotted the ball into the corner of the goal.

Bromsgrove tried to rally and launched several counterattacks which were broken up by a combination of Laura Brain and debutante Joanne Coulter at the back.

Gill got onto the score sheet herself when she received the ball after good work from Roohi Faruque on the left wing and hit a reverse stick shot past a stranded

### Hockey

keeper. Gill then returned the favour and set Faruque up with a through ball that split the defence. She calmly beat the last defender then rounded the keeper to slot home.

Bournville again tried to hit back but could not find a route through a resolute Tigers back four. Underhill completed her first half hat-trick when she again lifted the ball over the diving keeper to score.

The second half saw the Barford

midfield take a grip on the game and the home side found the attacking runs of Homer, Sarah De Pinna, Nash and Faruque hard to contain with all four forcing saves from an increasingly under siege keeper and defence.

Underhill notched up her fourth of the game when she powered a shot into the net 10 minutes into the half this was shortly followed by a second goal for Gill with another reverse stick shot that totally wrong-footed the keeper.

Credit must go to Bournville, who could have crumbled at this stage due to the constant pressure

they had been under but they threw caution to the wind and tried to at least get a goal back.

Unfortunately they were once again denied by some great defending from Tigers.

Inevitably, it was Barford who had the last word. Homer won the ball and set De Pinna away from inside her own half.

She powered forward on a run that took her past four defenders to the top of the D where she slid a ball into Underhill, who left the keeper flailing as she took the ball past her to record her fifth goal and took the game's final score.

## Swimmers show their character in contest

MEMBERS of Halesowen Swimming Club made the long journey to Aylesbury for round one of the West Midlands National League premier division.

With absent, ill and injured swimmers it was always going to be tough for the team but despite this all performed superbly.

The gala was very close from the outset and at the halfway point Halesowen were leading a group of four teams chasing second spot.

The team were still in contention with just 10 events to go but after the final relays Halesowen had to settle for fourth spot overall.

Double event winner was Richard Spoor in the individual medley and breaststroke. Other individual winners were Chloe Finch, Kate Morris and Josh Bradley in the freestyle and Jakob Baker in the breaststroke.

The open men's relay team were unbeatable in both freestyle and medley events including team members Zach Collins, Jacob Darby, Michael Edmonds and Mark Laing.

Final point scores were Abingdon Vale 228, Chase 185, Bilston 174, Halesowen 170, Redditch 168, Leicester Penguins B 121.

## Agony as Yeltz lose in last minute

### Marske United 3 Halesowen Town 2

HALESOWEN Town went out of the FA Cup competition agonisingly in the 90th minute despite twice being in the lead.

Ben Haseley put them one up on 10 minutes when he slotted home an Elliot Turner through ball.

Chris Lait almost made it 2-0 during the first period but goalkeeper Robert Dean tipped the ball away.

Marske's Glen Butterworth and Andy Johnston went close before Adam Wheatley got the equaliser on 47 minutes when he took advantage of indecision in the Halesowen defence.

Halesowen to equalised straight away through a superb Haseley finish.

But Marske got back level on 72 minutes with a John Alexander penalty and Halesowen were devastated in the last minute when Andy Jennings unleashed an unstoppable shot.

# Heathens heal hurt of 30 years with title win

HEATHENS ended 30 years of hurt to taste league title glory again on an unforgettable night at King's Lynn.

A battling Dudley display saw them win 47-46 on the night to seal a 100-86 aggregate victory over the Young Stars, completing a remarkable journey for the famous club to cap off an historic season.

Since returning to the track following a 14 year absence in 2010, the men in Green, Red and White have fought hammer and tongs for the National League title.

Yet the top prize had always painfully eluded them.

A huge following of vocal fans made the long trip to Saddlebow Road to witness a slice of modern day Heathens history.

Returning to the scene of a heartbreaking one-point defeat in the Grand Final last year, Dudley carried a 13-point lead following a hard-fought win at Monmore Green 24 hours earlier.

### Lightning

But with many anticipating a nervy clash going to the wire, the visitors made a lightning start and effectively wrapped up the title as early as heat 11, avenging the painful memories of a season ago.

Poignantly, the two riders remaining from last year played vital roles.

Determined Dan Greenwood joined forces with No.1 Lewis Blackbird to strike the decisive 5-1 in heat 11 to claim the crown.

It was the 20-year-old's second race win and he

### Speedway

earned a 15 appearance where he was partnered by inspirational skipper Ashley Morris. Just 24 hours after striking an unbelievable maximum in the first leg, the Penkridge youngster led from the front with another fine showing.

He was again involved in some exhilarating action before eventually notching 13 to end with 28 points out of 30 over the two matches.

While Morris was undoubtedly the star, he received excellent back-up.

Lewis Blackbird and Paul Starke scored solidly while youngster Max Clegg added three vital points early on to help the visitors maintain control of the tie.

Yet it was perhaps at reserve that the battle was won, with Gareth Isherwood and Nathan Greaves recording a priceless 5-1 in just the second race of the night before going on to comfortably outscore their King's Lynn counterparts.

It was a night to go down in Heathens folklore.

## Haul of trophies for club's young martial artists



The young martial artists with their haul of trophies which they earned over a series of months

A HALESOWEN martial arts club has come away from a competition with a haul of medals and trophies.

Charlesworth Martial Arts earned medals after winning a Tri-Series Event held over 10 months.

Each event attracted competitors from all over the UK.

Chief Instructor Jason Charlesworth took seven fighters to the final event and six of them came away with the Grand Champion Trophies and there own individual First placings.

Tyler Cox won two grand champion trophies in Points and Light Contact

Fighting as did Holly O'Connor, followed by Calum Pearson, Weston Bogle and five WC trophies Reuben Charlesworth, Corey Harris came second and Joe Cheatham from Lincoln also came second, Charlesworth Martial Arts are fighting in Bristol this weekend.



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## It's good Evans in finals of Masters

**George Masters Finals**  
DESPITE the poor weather a crowd of around 200 turned out to see Staffordshire's Paul Evans defeat Glyn Picknell from Shropshire in the bowls final of The George Masters and take the £1,000 first prize.

Evans had a close call in his first round game defeating fellow Staffordshire bowler Craig Barker 31-30, while Picknell beat top Lancashire player Simon Coupe 31-20.

In the second round Evans defeated Gary Smelt from W&W 31-21 with Picknell despatching Staffordshire's Scott Simpson 31-25.

At the semi-final stage Evans beat current British Champion Greg Smith 31-27, with Picknell winning 31-23 against the games number one player Gary Ellis from Manchester.

The final which was played in persistent rain saw Picknell lead for most of the game being 14-5 up at one stage, but Evans slowly clawed his way back to get the scores level at 26-26.

Evans then went in front for the first time and didn't drop another shot to win 31-26 and take the title.

## Mixed bag for Hadley

**Tipton 3 Dunkirk 2**  
A CRAZY game at Tipton Sports Academy saw five goals, three missed penalties and a sending off as Town maintained their unbeaten run at home.

Ben Hadley enjoyed the ultimate sweet and sour day, scoring two goals – including the winner – but also failing to score any of his three spotkicks, although one was converted on the rebound.

The visitors took the lead on 15 minutes but Tipton equalised on 29 minutes when Mensah Kinch fed the ball across to Marvin Nisbett.

They took the lead on 49 minutes when Hadley missed his first of three penalties but got the score on the rebound.

Four minutes later, Hadley's second penalty hit the crossbar.

A mad 15 minutes for Hadley continued on 61 minutes when the striker twisted and turned his defenders before chipping the goalee for a 3-1 lead.

Deep in injury time, a third penalty was awarded but again Hadley missed.

## Hales' heroics in epic comeback for draw

**OHHC 1sts 4 North Notts 4**  
OLD Halesonians Hockey Club Mens Firsts had to fight for their first point on the board after an epic comeback against North Notts. With the home advantage at their new pitch based at Ormiston Forge Academy, Hales got off to a flying start.

Dominating the early periods, Hales saw a Harry Hughes strike cleared off the line by a visiting defender.

Despite the sustained pressure, Hales were unable to find a breakthrough, and complacency set in when Charles Palmer was yellow carded early on.

With only 10 men, Hales were kept on the

### Hockey

back foot, and found themselves 1-0 behind, against the run of play.

North Notts had found their confidence, and doubled their lead from a breakaway. Hales immediately responded, and were able to reduce the deficit back to one goal, after Graham Knight fired the ball across the circle, only for an unlucky North Notts defender to deflect it into his own net.

Despite this, North Notts were able to strike back before the halftime break, making the score 3-1 going into the much

needed break. A rousing team-talk from manager Jim Gurmin, could not prevent North Notts from increasing their lead early on in the second half, and at 4-1 down it looked like an impossible task for Hales to get anything from the game.

However, it was Captain, Chris Whitley who led the troops back into the game when his reverse stick chop made it 4-2. With just 15 minutes left, Halesonians upped the pace and put unprecedented pressure on the North Notts defence.

North Notts cleared a strike off the line for a second time, after Knight had struck goal wards. Doug Houghton grabbed Hales'

third of the game, before the home side's discipline slipped and Paul Harrold was sent to the sin bin.

Despite being down to 10 men, Hales battled forward looking for that elusive point. Josh Randhawa was the scorer of Hales' fourth goal, as they equalised in spectacular fashion when Knight turned provider for the talented midfielder.

**Other Results:**  
OHHC Ladies 1sts 2 Stourport 0; Shrewsbury 1 OHHC 2nds 3; Redditch 4 OHHC Ladies 2nds 1; OHHC 3rds 1 Bournville 1; Bournville 0 OHHC 4ths 6; Olton & WW 3 OHHC 5ths 1; OHHC Badgers 2 Kings Heath 7

## Hopes of big crowd for final

**DUDLEY** Heathens are expecting the biggest crowd since their relaunch when they celebrate the league title at the Knockout Cup Final on Tuesday, October 29.

The former Cradley club will face either Isle of Wight or old rivals Mildenhall at Monmore as they look to complete a clean sweep of National League honours.

Heathens won the National League title for the first time with back-to-back wins over King's Lynn last week when more than 300 fans travelled to Norfolk from the Dudley and Cradley area.

The club are hoping fans who went to the old Dudley Wood on a regular basis but haven't been to a Dudley meeting will come along and show their support for the cup final.

Chairman Nigel Pearson said: "I'm well aware there are Cradley fans who haven't been to a Heathens meeting since we reformed in 2010 for various reasons.

"There are some who won't because it's not Cradley – but I would say this is the next best thing.

Admission for the October 29 event has been pegged at £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children.

## McCone moving to The Pitmen

**DEFENDER** Paul McCone has again bid farewell to Stourbridge – less than two weeks after returning to the club.

McCone has accepted an offer to join Skril Thurst outfit Hedgesford Town.

A statement on the Stourbridge website read: "We are naturally disappointed to see him move on once again, but wish Paul well."

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# YELTZ HIT FIVE AS THEY CRUISE HOME

**Halesowen Town 5 Gresley FC 0**  
**FIVE-STAR** Halesowen bounced back to league action by cruising to a 5-0 win against disappointing Gresley.

After a low-key start, Ben Haseley worked through the Gresley defence in the 21st minute but goalkeeper Ross Etheridge saved for a corner.

Defender Joe Hull gave the Yeltz a 22nd minute lead with a looping header from Elliott Turner's corner and as the Yeltz took control, a tremendous 25 yard effort from Iyseden Christie was then tipped over the bar by Etheridge.

Home goalkeeper Paul Evans was largely redundant, although he gathered Dean Oliver's 36th minute shot before Tom Tonks and Christie went close again for Halesowen.

Haseley soon made the game safe with a brace within four minutes at the start of the second half.

### Narrow

He turned defender Liam Guest to fire home from a narrow angle in the 51st minute and the man of the match claimed his 18th goal of the season in the 55th minute by slotting past Etheridge after controlling a through ball from influential Neil Mackenzie.

Haseley was then twice denied his hat-trick by Etheridge.

Gresley groans grew after falling four goals behind in the 72nd minute when full-back Mitch Hanson turned Kristian Green's cross into his own

### Football

net. Turner completed the emphatic five-goal Yeltz victory in the 75th minute when his 20 yard low drive nestled in the net off the far post.

Well beaten Gresley left it until the 85th minute to create their best chance when Evans turned away substitute Marc Goodfellow's free-kick.

**Halesowen Town:** Paul Evans (c); Kristian Green, Adam Meacham, Neil MacKenzie, Joe Hull, Curtis Tilt, Matthew Martin (Aaron Griffiths 79), Tom Tonks (Jean-Michel Gueyes 68), Iyseden Christie, Ben Haseley (Nigel Penney 78), Elliott Turner.

**Unused Subs:** Brendan Kelly, Sam Pearson (GK).

**Gresley FC:** Ross Etheridge; Mitch Hanson, Lucas Harrison, Marc Strykowski, Liam Guest, Eric Graves, Mickey Lyons, James Jepson (c), Dean Oliver, Kieran O'Connell, Paolo Piliero.

**Unused Subs:** Jamie Barrett, Sam Grisle.

**Referee:** John Law  
**Attendance:** 232

## Happy Heathens haul in title trophy at last



Just champion! Dudley speedway riders and fans celebrate at King's Lynn after the Heathens beat the home side 47-46 to clinch the National League title 100-86 on aggregate. Skipper Ashley Morris, centre with the trophy, led the way with 13 points. Full report inside. Picture: John Hipkiss Photography

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